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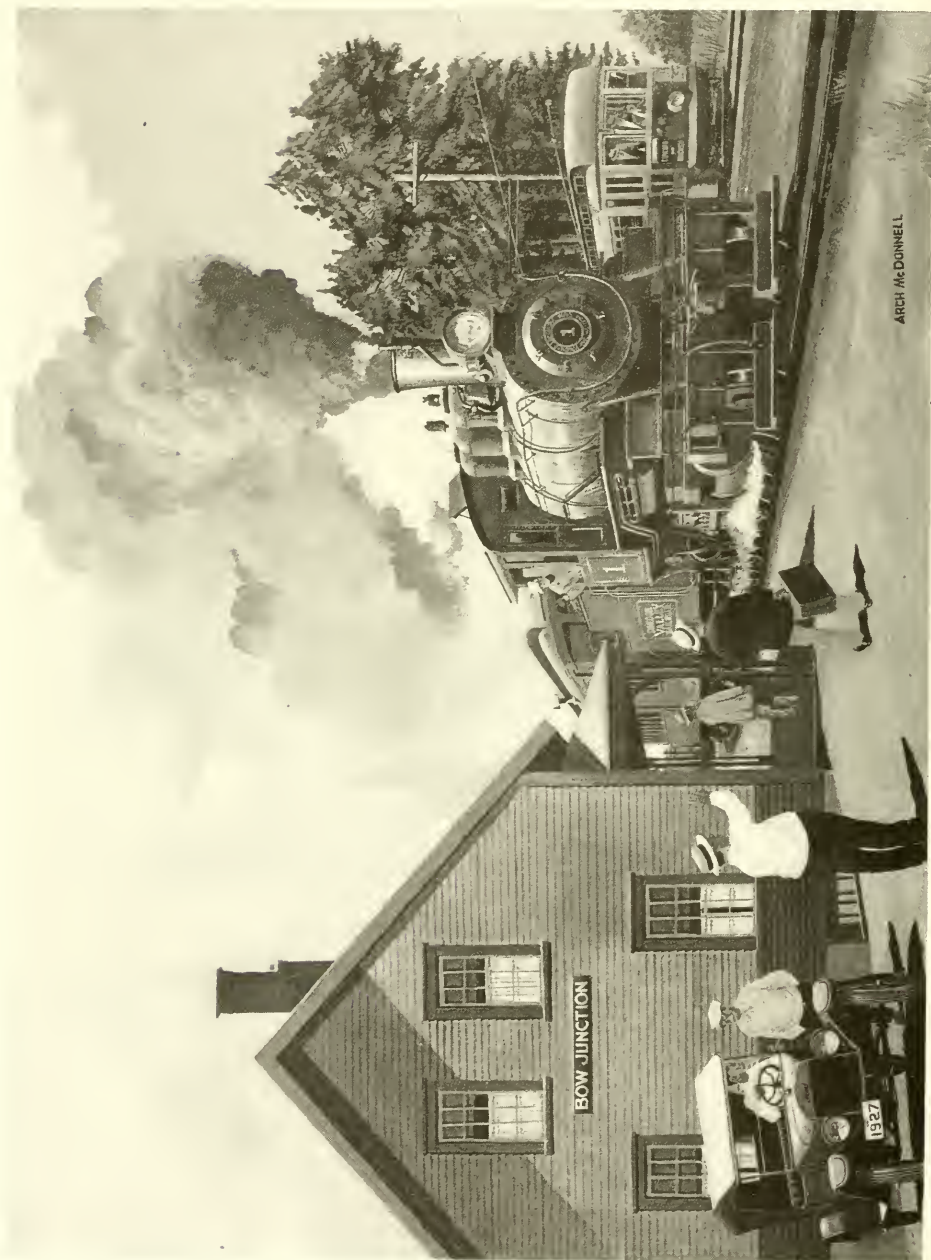
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ANNUAL REPORT

DEDICATION

We, the Selectmen of Bow do hereby dedicate this 1977 report to the Town of Bow on its 250th Anniversary 1727-1977.

Carroll W. French
Ira R. Evans
Kenneth A. Bradley



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TOWN DIRECTORY — OFFICERS AND STAFF

Representatives to General Court Richard D. Hanson

Bernadette McNichol

Moderator Horace W. Bailey — Term expires 1978

Supervisors of Check List

William F. Gibbs Term Expires 1978

Dorothy H. Roy Term Expires 1980

Phyllis J. Gilbert Term Expires 1982

Selectmen

Carroll W. French Term Expires 1978

Kenneth A. Bradley Term Expires 1978

Ronald J. Askin (resigned) Term Expires 1979

Ira R. Evans Term Expires 1980

Administrative Assistant Walter E. Jones

Town Clerk Virginia F. Abbott

Tax Collector Virginia F. Abbott

Road Agent Paul A. Lindquist

Chief of Police Philip W. Cantara

Fire Chief James R. Goodwin

Town Engineer/Building Inspector Kenneth W. Andrews

Town Engineer/Building Inspector (resigned) Robert T. Ojendyk

Secretary Jeanette S. Merrill

Secretary Melba Terrell

Civil Defense Director Joseph R. Brigham

Town Treasurer Joan P. Lyford

Deputy Tax Collector Donna Carleton

Recreation Director Robert D. Wheeler

Emergency Medical Team Director Neil B. Ordway

Bookkeeper Joan P. Lyford

Health Officer Robert E. Boucher, M.D.

Overseer of Welfare Melba Terrell

Budget Committee

Jeffrey B. Foote Term Expires 1978

Richard F. Bean Term Expires 1978

Edward B. Furber Term Expires 1979

Richard D. Hanson Term Expires 1979

Alfred H. Ward, Chairman Term Expires 1980

Frank D. Hirsch Term Expires 1980

Library Trustees

Reginald R. Scott	Term Expires 1978
Jean P. Verville	Term Expires 1979
Judith Ann King	Term Expires 1980
William Maynard	Term Expires 1981
Douglas E. King	Term Expires 1982

Librarian	Helen Robinson
	Barbara K. Howe (resigned)

Trustees of Trust Funds

Chester Runde	Term Expires 1978
Morris C. Foote, Sr.	Term Expires 1979
Donna Carleton	Term Expires 1980

Surveyors of Wood and Timber

Willis F. Woodbury	Gerald D. Upton, Sr.
Morris C. Foote, Sr.	

Planning Board

Alfred H. Ward	Term Expires 1978
John J. Urdi	Term Expires 1978
Alfred J. Runnals	Term Expires 1979
Robert H. Dandy	Term Expires 1980
Duncan C. Pearson	Term Expires 1981
V. Michael Blake, Chairman	Term Expires 1982

Ballot Clerks

Philip J. Sargent, Democrat	Mary L. Chadwick, Republican
Joan P. Lyford, Republican	Barbara P. Richards, Democrat
Sara H. Swenson, Republican — Substitute	

Zoning Board of Adjustment

William H. Carpenter, Chairman	Term Expires 1978
Jack E. Earle	Term Expires 1979
Winfield P. Robin	Term Expires 1980
Thomas T. Gallagher	Term Expires 1981
Earl F. Vaughn	Term Expires 1982
Marjorie Beaulieu	Alternate Member
Gerald D. Upton, Jr. (resigned)	

Conservation Commission

G. Ritchie White	Term Expires 1978
Carol Gouin	Term Expires 1978

John J. Urdi	Term Expires 1978
Curtis O. Gordon	Term Expires 1979
Morris C. Foote, Jr., Chairman	Term Expires 1979
Richard G. Rice	Term Expires 1980
Gerald Upton, Sr.	Term Expires 1980

Representatives to Central N.H. Regional Planning Commission

Paul A. Lindquist	Kenneth A. Bradley
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Regional Refuse Disposal Committee

Kenneth A. Bradley	Term Expires 1978
Richard D. Hanson	Term Expires 1978
Carter F. Barger	Term Expires 1978

Sewer Commission

Gordon L. Page	Term Expires 1978
Thomas T. Gallagher	Term Expires 1979
Cedric H. Dustin, Jr.	Term Expires 1980

Water Commission

Cedric H. Dustin, Jr.	Term Expires 1978
Gordon L. Page	Term Expires 1979
John T. Lyford	Term Expires 1980

Building Advisory Committee

Conrad B. Desmarais	Term Expires 1978
James R. Goodwin	Term Expires 1978
Robert Muir	Term Expires 1979
Arthur L. Sinclair	Term Expires 1979
Catherine C. Hirsch	Term Expires 1980
Robert D. Chadwick	Term Expires 1980

Recreation Commission

William H. Carpenter	Term Expires 1978
Cindy Johnson (resigned).	Term Expires 1978
Linda Warriner.	Term Expires 1978
Nancy Wood, Chairperson	Term Expires 1979
Carl McAllister (resigned).	Term Expires 1979
Virgel T. Allen	Term Expires 1979
James Gergler.	Term Expires 1980

250th Anniversary Committee

Anne Foote	Arthur Sinclair	Jean Bailey
Erdine Caderette		Richard Bean

Building Code Board of Appeals

James A. Kelso, Jr.	Term Expires 1978
Walter C. Hipp, Chairman	Term Expires 1979
Maurice R. Nepveu	Term Expires 1980
James E. Kibby	Term Expires 1981
David J. Hickey	Term Expires 1982

Advisory Committee to the Conservation Commission

Paul A. Lindquist	Gary Nysten	Douglas Dartnell
Jack E. Earle		Paul Hammond

Terms Expire 1978



*Here we look up South Street in the early twenties when the water power mills were operating.
A few times a week an automobile could be observed.*

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bow, in the County of Merrimack, in said state, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Bow Memorial School in said Bow on Tuesday, the 14th day of March, 1978, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects hereinafter set forth. The voting on Articles 1, 2 and 3 will be by official ballot, and the polls shall open for balloting at ten o'clock in the forenoon and shall not close before six o'clock in the evening.

The remaining Articles in the Warrant shall be acted upon at eight o'clock in the evening or at the closing of the polls if the meeting shall vote to keep the polls open to a later hour.

1. To choose by non-partisan Ballot the following town officers:

- One Selectman for one year
- One Selectman for three years
- One Moderator for two years
- A Town Treasurer for one year
- A Town Clerk for one year
- Two members of the Budget Committee for three years
- One Library Trustee for five years
- One Trustee of Trust Funds for three years
- One Water Commissioner for three years
- One Sewer Commissioner for three years
- One Supervisor of the Checklist for two years

2. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the amendments to the Building Code as proposed by the Planning Board.

(By Ballot)

3. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the new provisions of R.S.A. 72:43-B and 72:43-C relative to expanded exemptions on real estate for the elderly.

(By Ballot)

4. To appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000.00) for the purpose of construction and installation of sewer pipelines under and across Interstate Route 93, such sewers to be and become portions of the sewage treatment facilities which are requirements under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq); and to raise by taxation in the current year thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) of

such appropriation; and, for the purpose of financing the balance of such appropriation, to borrow in the name of the Town a sum not exceeding ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000.00) by the issuance of serial bonds or notes under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, as amended (RSA 33 and amendments thereto), and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take such other actions as in their judgment may be necessary and in the best interests of the Town to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes.

(Recommended by the Budget Committee)

5. To see if the Town will vote to approve, under the authority of R.S.A. 53-A, a proposed agreement between the Town of Bow and the City of Concord whereby the City would receive, treat and dispose of wastes of the Town through new sewerage and waste treatment facilities to be erected by the City and the Town would pay the City an apportioned amount of the capital and operating costs of such facilities, such agreement having been approved as to form by the office of the Attorney General, the Town Attorney and the City Solicitor; and to authorize the Sewer Commissioners to execute and deliver such agreement in the name and in behalf of the Town (a copy of the proposed Agreement is on file in the office of the Selectmen).

6. To see if the Town will vote to elect Planning Board Members at the next regular Town Meeting as outlined in New Hampshire State Law R.S.A. 36:4.

(By Petition)

7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of forty one thousand, two hundred dollars (\$41,200.00) for the purchase of a mobile highway, ditch and drainage cleaner and authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972.

(Recommended by the Budget Committee)

8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for the acquisition of a Tax Map of Bow and authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972.

(Recommended by the Budget Committee)

9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of three thousand, three hundred dollars (\$3,300.00) for the purchase of a tractor type mower

for the Cemetery Department and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972.

(Recommended by the Budget Committee)

10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint an Industrial Development Committee to foster and encourage orderly industrial development within the Town, and to this end to consult with the Planning Board and to advise and assist the Selectmen with respect to industrial development matters, such committee to consist of five persons who shall serve, without compensation, for three year terms, except that to obtain staggered terms the initial terms shall be as follows: one member shall be appointed for a one-year term; two members shall be appointed for two-year terms; and two members shall be appointed for three-year terms — all vacancies in such Committee, however occurring, to be filled by the Selectmen.

11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for the construction of a dry fire hydrant on the Allen Road and authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972.

(Recommended by the Budget Committee)

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand, one hundred and twenty one dollars (\$1,121.00) for Town Road Aid Construction, the State to furnish the amount of seven thousand, four hundred seventy four dollars and seventy three cents (\$7,474.73) to be expended on the Allen Road.

(Recommended by the Budget Committee)

13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for Replacement of Highway Equipment and authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972.

(Recommended by the Budget Committee)

14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of four thousand, seven hundred dollars (\$4,700.00) to replace a Police Cruiser and authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972.

(Recommended by the Budget Committee)

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty three thousand dollars (\$23,000.00) for the completion of the ball fields on Town land off Albin Road.

(Not recommended by the Budget Committee)

16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of nine hundred and one dollars (\$901.00) to be used as a set-off against the budgeted appropriation for the maintenance of the Municipal Building and authorize the Selectmen to withdraw this amount from the fund provided by the Antirecession Fiscal Assistance Program.

(Recommended by the Budget Committee)

17. To see if the Town will vote to use, apply and expend the moneys placed in the special forest maintenance fund established under RSA 31:113 toward the payment of the balance of the purchase price for the lands acquired by the Town from the Estates of Robert W. Upton and Martha G. Upton.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) to improve the public highway known as Wood Hill Road, the State to furnish an equal amount.

(Recommended by the Budget Committee)

19. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue as an open highway that portion of the highway known as the Wood Hill-Hooksett Road beginning 2100 + -ft. East of the Allen Road and ending 5000 + -ft. West of the Bow Bog Road, a distance of 6600 + -ft. and make it subject to gates and bars, as provided in R.S.A. 238:2. The gates and bars shall be maintained by the Town of Bow.

20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize the withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972 for use as setoffs against budgeted appropriations for the following specific purposes and in amounts indicated herewith or take any other action hereon:

<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Expense of the Highway	7,800
Police	3,000
Fire	3,000
	<u>\$13,800</u>

(Recommended by the Budget Committee)

21. To see if the Town will vote to accept a deed of gift from the Trustees of Bow Community Baptist Church, conveying to the Town a small tract of land located at the intersection of Bow Center Road and Branch Londonderry Turnpike and adjoining Green Cemetery.

22. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen, in connection with the straightening and re-aligning of Knox Road, to exchange with the heirs or devisees of the Estate of Sherman Saltmarsh or their successors in interest, Town lands situated on the southerly side of said Knox Road (adjoining lands formerly of said Saltmarsh) for lands left by said Saltmarsh having substantially equivalent value; and to authorize and empower the Selectmen, in the name and behalf of the Town, to make, execute and deliver a deed or deeds conveying such Town lands in exchange for the equivalent lands needed for such highway straightening and re-alignment and to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of any surplus land caused by the re-alignment.

23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and convey, lease, rent, exchange, or otherwise dispose of, upon such terms and conditions as they may deem proper, any real estate heretofore or hereafter acquired by the Town by Tax Collector's deed for nonpayment of taxes, except real estate so acquired which the Town has voted or may hereafter vote to retain and hold for public uses, such authorization to continue in force from year to year until rescinded by vote of the Town.

24. To see if the Town will vote to accept revenue from Cemetery Trust Funds.

25. To see if the Town will vote to separate the Bow Emergency Rescue Squad from the Bow Fire Department and make if an individual department with its own Department Head and operating budget.

26. To see if the Town will vote to accept the budget as submitted by the Budget Committee and pass any vote in relation thereto.

27. To see if the Town will vote to abandon all rights and easements granted to said Town by Warranty deed from Kenneth and Leona Morgan for dry hydrant and water reservoir easements as provided in said Warranty Deed dated September 26, 1974.

28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

29. To hear the reports of standing Committees and take any action relating thereto.

30. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 21st day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred, seventy eight.

Carroll W. French
Ira R. Evans
Kenneth A. Bradley
SELECTMEN OF BOW

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BOW

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Appropriations Previous Fiscal Year	Recommended 1978	Sub- mitted Without Recom- mendation
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 71,375.00	\$ 73,625.00	\$
Town Officers' Expenses	20,430.00	20,570.00	
Election & Registration Expenses	1,639.00	2,161.00	
Audit	1,000.00	1,500.00	
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	66,020.00	54,585.00	
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	24,500.00	30,000.00	
Contingency Fund	8,000.00	8,000.00	
Protection of Persons & Property:			
Police Department	117,556.00	122,197.00	
Fire Department	48,015.00	37,738.00	
Care of Trees & Rescue Squad	100.00	5,735.00	
Insurance	29,162.00	33,650.00	
Planning & Zoning	2,790.00	14,696.00	
Damages & Legal Expense	3,000.00	3,100.00	
Civil Defense	25.00	25.00	
Health Dept. Inc. Hospitals & Ambulance			
Health & Sanitation	2,623.00	3,185.00	
Conservation Commission	7,540.00	7,607.00	
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	26,625.00	26,875.00	
Highways & Bridges:			
Town Maintenance Summer & Winter	98,100.00	110,470.00	
Street Lighting	17,750.00	18,200.00	
General Exp. of Hwy. Dept. & Resurfacing	114,315.00	115,814.00	
Town Road Aid	1,092.54	1,121.00	
Libraries:	19,586.00	28,542.00	
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	3,220.00	1,980.00	
Old Age Assistance	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Aid to Permanently & Totally Disabled }			
Patriotic Purposes (Memorial Day, Etc.)	10,050.00	- - -	
Recreation:	19,791.10	27,887.00	\$ 23,000.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Sewer Commission	- - -	676.00	
Cemeteries	5,185.00	9,603.00	
Highway Construction	- - -	11,215.00	
Advertising & Regional Associations	2,565.00	3,142.00	
Debt Service:			
Principal & Long Term Notes & Bonds	182,500.00	182,500.00	
Interest - Long Term Notes & Bonds	18,250.00	9,125.00	
Interest on Temporary Loans	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Capital Outlay (List Below):			
Highway Equipment	33,500.00	41,200.00	
Police Cruiser	- - -	4,700.00	
Sewer Construction Dry Pipe	- - -	120,000.00	
State Aid Reconstruction	15,000.00	15,000.00	
Land Acquisition	5,000.00	- - -	
Sewer Plans	40,000.00	- - -	
Payment to Capital Reserve Funds:			
Replace Highway Equipment	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Tax Map	- - -	5,000.00	
Total Appropriations	\$1,046,304.64	\$1,181,424.00	\$ 23,000.00

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year 1978
From State:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,283.00	\$ 15,000.00
Railroad Tax	— — —	— — —	— — —
Savings Bank Tax	4,000.00	5,335.00	5,500.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	23,000.00	22,077.00	23,000.00
State Aid — Water Pollution Projects	32,000.00	— — —	32,000.00
Highway Subsidy (Cl. IV & V)	19,000.00	19,246.00	30,500.00
Reimbursement Forest Conservation Aid	60.00	67.00	60.00
Reimbursement A/C Flood Control Land	— — —	— — —	— — —
Reimbursement A/C Business			
Profits Tax (Town Portion)	26,000.00	27,572.00	28,950.00
Town Road Aid	— — —	5,618.00	7,474.00
Gas Tax Refund	— — —	3,685.00	3,700.00
From Local Sources:			
Dog Licenses	1,500.00	1,535.00	1,500.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	6,000.00	10,088.00	11,000.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	70,000.00	97,349.00	78,000.00
Interest on Taxes & Deposits	17,000.00	15,814.00	18,000.00
Income from Trust Funds	1,300.00	1,419.00	1,500.00
Withdrawal Capital Reserve Funds	6,000.00	6,000.00	— — —
Sale of Timber	— — —	— — —	50,000.00
Fines & Forfeits — Municipal & District Court	— — —	— — —	— — —
National Bank Stock Taxes	125.00	147.00	150.00
Resident Taxes Retained	21,000.00	21,660.00	21,000.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	2,000.00	10,587.00	5,000.00
Rent of Town Property	5,000.00	5,040.00	5,000.00
Sale of Town Property	— — —	1,800.00	— — —
Income from Departments	5,500.00	9,643.00	10,000.00
School:	13,900.00	22,570.00	20,000.00
Recreation	— — —	— — —	4,700.00
Income from Municipal Utilities	— — —	— — —	— — —
Bond & Note Issues (Contra)	— — —	— — —	90,000.00
Surplus	100,000.00	265,000.00	75,000.00
From Federal Sources:			
Revenue Sharing	46,000.00	41,042.00	80,000.00
*Total Revenues from all Sources			
Except Property Taxes	414,385.00	608,577.00	617,034.00
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes			
(Exclusive of County and School Taxes)	631,919.64		564,390.00
Total Revenues	\$1,046,304.64		\$1,181,424.00

*Total estimated "Revenues from all sources except Property Taxes" deducted from Total "Appropriations recommended by Budget Committee" gives estimated "Amount to be raised by Property Taxes," exclusive of County and School Taxes.

SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

PROPERTY INVENTORIES: A new State law which effects each and every property owner has been passed and becomes effective April 1, 1978. This law absolutely requires the Selectmen to insist upon a completed annual property inventory form and imposes a *mandatory* penalty for failure to file one by April 15th of each year. Any person who fails to file an inventory by April 15th shall pay a penalty of 1% of the property tax, but in no case less than \$10 nor more than \$50. Any person failing to file and becoming liable for a penalty shall lose the right to appeal any property tax matter or claim exemptions. Where no property changes have occurred during the year, the comment "no changes from last year" or "same as last year" shall be acceptable.

SAVINGS BANK TAX: We would like to call to your attention the fact that the City of Concord is receiving a portion of tax revenue which justly belongs to the Town of Bow. The records show that in 1891, when Bow's population was 725, the revenue received from savings bank tax was \$2,521.35. However, last year with Bow's population in excess of 3300, the total revenue received was only \$5,335.00. This is because a number of us living in Bow have our address as RFD Concord! Please check your bank accounts and be sure that you list your residence as Bow, not Concord.

BUILDING: For your information this year there were 70 single family building permits issued. A sharp increase from the 47 single family permits issued in 1976. It appears that what has happened to the communities south of us has finally reached Bow. In this year's Warrant you will find an article to establish a commercial and industrial committee to look into and make recommendations as to how Bow can increase our commercial and industrial base to help keep our tax rate from climbing at an alarming rate. We as Selectmen, hope you will support this article.

CLOSING OF TOWN ROAD: In the Warrant you will find an article asking you to vote to close, subject to Gates and Bars, a portion of the Wood Hill-Hooksett Road. We feel, this portion of road should have been closed several years ago. Little maintenance has been done on it and even in the summertime can only be navigated on by four wheel drive vehicles. If building lots are sold along this portion of the road and the Town is forced to go in and re-construct it, it will be the most expensive section of road this Town has ever built and would probably cost in excess of \$50.00 per foot as there are several outcroppings of ledge and severe water problems which would require full drainage. We as Selectmen, sincerely hope you will support this article.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: After the resignation of our Building Inspector—Robert T. Ojendyk, we were fortunate enough to have Robert L. Parrish,

P.E. fill in the interim while we, with the assistance of the New Hampshire Municipal Association, sought a full-time replacement. We were extremely fortunate in hiring Mr. Kenneth W. Andrews, from So. Windham, Maine. Ken assumed the duties of Building Inspector January 24th, 1978 and looks forward to working with everyone concerned.

SEWER LINE: In this year's Warrant you will find an article asking you to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000.00 to place two sewer lines under I-93 and the I-93 & I-89 intersection prior to the completion of re-construction which will be done in 1978. Whether or not this is a wise investment, will be left up to you to decide at Town Meeting; however, it is our opinion that if these lines are not put in at this time, it will cost up to three times as much to do later on, if the State will allow it to be done which at this time is still in question.

ELECTION OF PLANNING BOARD: In the Warrant you will find a petitioned article once again requesting that the Planning Board be an elective rather than an appointed board. Once again, we ask you to vote no in support of your Planning Board.

SEPARATION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE SQUAD: In the Warrant you will find an article for your consideration regarding the separation of the Bow Rescue Squad from the Bow Fire Department. From a management and budget point of view, this seems to be the best way to proceed. We ask your support on this article.

NUMBERING OF ALL DWELLINGS: Selectmen last year approved a recommendation from the Police, Fire Department and Rescue Squad to number all dwellings in Town. As of this date, this project has not been completed; however, we do expect its completion by mid 1978. Once this project is done, it will assist these departments in locating a particular building in an emergency situation.

CURRENT USE ASSESSMENT: For those of you who have parcels of land under Current Use assessment, you are reminded that you must file annually, before April 15th. For further information on Current Use or Discretionary Easements, please contact the Selectmen's Office, Grandview Road.

EXPANSION OF SARGENT PARK: Due to your support at last year's Town Meeting, we are happy to announce that the transaction has been completed regarding the purchase of additional property bordering Sargent Park (located behind Municipal Building). This has eliminated the two problems of a portion of the driveway as well as the bleachers on the left field line which were previously on privately owned property.

EXCELLENT GIFTS: This is to remind you that copies of our Town's History, "100 Acres, More or Less" are still available at \$20.00 each from the

Selectmen's Office. Also, Bi-Centennial and 250th coins are available. Both make excellent gifts.

As in the past we as a Board have tried to keep the Town running smoothly and efficiently. We hope that you agree with us that the whole Town must be considered at all times, not just one department or one resident.

Carroll W. French
Ira R. Evans
Kenneth A. Bradley



Winter transport in the early twenties was on runners — usually sleighs, pungs or double sleds. Winter road maintenance needed six horsepower. Scene is Grandview Road near Municipal Building. Philip Sargent was at the reins.



In May an Ecumenical Service was held in the restored Bog Meeting House to celebrate this part of our heritage. Period costumes and form of worship were features, followed by a picnic on the grounds.

The 'Schooling' process was depicted by activities on this float of Bow Center School Scene. Bow Girl Scouts did this up under their able leadership.



The "King and Queen" of Bow's "Young at Heart" Club. Hilda and Philip Sargent rode in style in this Station Wagon so beautifully restored.

SUMMARY INVENTORY

Land	\$17,465,685.00
Buildings	29,106,000.00
Factory Buildings	6,211,300.00
Public Water Utility	84,000.00
(Privately owned water supply serving public)	
Public Utilities	
Gas	313,600.00
Electric	80,631,571.00
Concord Electric Co. —	968,150.00
Public Service Co. —	79,663,421.00
Boats	43,075.00
TOTAL VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED	\$133,855,231.00

Exemptions:	
Public Service Co. Air Pollution	3,042,468.00
Elderly Exemptions (41)	234,812.00
Blind Exemptions (2)	10,000.00
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED	\$ 3,287,280.00

NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE IS COMPUTED \$130,567,951.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS
TAXES ASSESSED AND TAX RATE

Net Town Appropriations	\$ 509,147.03
Net School Appropriations	1,490,817.76
County Tax Assessment	317,662.21
Total (Town, School and County)	2,317,627.00
Deduct: Total Business Profits Tax Reimbursement	113,793.00
Add: War Service Tax Credits	19,750.00
Add: Overlay	27,874.76
Property Taxes to be Raised	2,245,768.76
Taxes Committed to Collector:	
Gross Property Taxes	2,245,768.76
Less: War Service Tax Credits	19,750.00
TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT	2,226,018.76

Tax Rate — Town 0.41, School 1.08, County 0.23
Total 1.72 per hundred Based on Assessable Valuation of \$130,567,951.00

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Members of the Board of Selectmen
 Town Office
 Bow, New Hampshire 03301

Gentlemen:

We have examined the financial statements of the Town of Bow, New Hampshire for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1977, and have prepared the attached exhibits in conformity with the recommended format prescribed by the Municipal Service Division of the State of New Hampshire in accordance with R.S.A. 71-A:19. Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Baker Free Library, and Trustees of Trust Funds.

Financial Information

General Fund

Comparative Balance Sheet	Exhibit A-1
Statement of Change in Fund Balance	Exhibit A-2
Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures	Exhibit A-3
Statement of Estimated and	
Actual Revenue and Budget Summary	Exhibit A-4

A comparative balance sheet disclosing the financial condition of the general fund at December 31, 1977 and December 31, 1976 is presented in Exhibit A-1. As indicated therein, the current surplus amounted to \$220,137 at December 31, 1977. An analysis of the change in fund balance is shown in Exhibit A-2.

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenue are included in Exhibits A-3 and A-4, respectively. As indicated by the budget summary, Exhibit A-4, a revenue surplus of \$33,791, plus a net unexpended balance of appropriations of \$124,148, resulted in a net budget surplus of \$157,939 for 1977.

Other Funds and Officials' Accounts Cash Basis Statements

The accompanying supplemental exhibits covering segregated funds and the accounts of those officials entrusted with the custody, receipt or expenditure of Town funds, are presented in accordance with the current requirements of the Municipal Services Division of the State of New Hampshire. Although not considered necessary for a fair presentation of the financial statements and results of operations, our examination of these accounts included the same tests and auditing procedures applied in the examination of the aforementioned exhibits. In our opinion, these exhibits present fairly the revenues collected and expenditures paid arising from cash transactions then ended on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

We would like to thank the office staff of the Town of Bow for their cooperation in providing us with the documents necessary for completion of the audit.

Very truly yours,

Plodzik and Sanderson

Auditor's Opinion

We have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Bow, New Hampshire for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1977.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as were considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheets and statements of sources of revenues and expenditures present fairly the financial position of the Town of Bow, New Hampshire at December 31, 1977 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental entities, applied on a consistent basis.

Respectfully submitted,

Plodzik and Sanderson

EXHIBIT A-1 TOWN OF BOW

General Fund Comparative Balance Sheet December 31, 1977 and December 31, 1976

ASSETS	December 31, 1977	December 31, 1976
Cash		
General Fund	\$1,072,024	\$1,133,350
Petty Cash Fund	100	100
In Hands of Town Clerk		360
Yield Tax Security Deposits	3,081	6,411
Contractors Escrow Deposits	<u>13,062</u>	<u>12,959</u>
	\$1,088,267	\$1,153,180
Capital Reserve Funds	86,608	78,235
Long-Term Debt Authorized — Unissued	182,500	365,000
Accounts Due Town		
From State of New Hampshire		
Rent — State Police	\$ 190	\$ 175
Gas Tax Refunds	730	
From Others		
Bow School District	2,082	1,771
Workman's Compensation Refund	<u>89</u>	<u></u>
	3,091	1,946
Taxes Receivable		
Property	\$ 112,966	\$ 100,289
Resident	1,790	1,990
Tax Liens	<u>5,066</u>	<u>5,247</u>
	119,822	107,526
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$1,480,288</u>	<u>\$1,705,887</u>
LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE	December 31, 1977	December 31, 1976
Liabilities and Reserves		
Reserve For Encumbrances	\$ 93,933	\$ 41,310
Unremitted Payroll Deductions Payable	3,706	2,938
Due State of New Hampshire		
2% Bond and Debt Retirement Tax		88
Dog License Fees	10	
Unexpended Balance of Non-Revenue Appropriation	182,500	365,000

Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds	85,063	67,609
School District Assessment Payable	790,818	802,569
Contractors Escrow Deposits	13,062	12,959
Yield Tax Security Deposits	3,081	6,411
Capital Reserve Funds	86,608	78,235
Sub-Division Appeal Deposits	469	60
Unexpended Anti-Recession Funds	901	
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Total Liabilities and Reserves	\$1,260,151	\$1,377,179
Current Surplus	<u>220,137</u>	<u>328,708</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>\$1,480,288</u>	<u>\$1,705,887</u>

EXHIBIT A-2 Town of Bow

General Fund Statement of Change in Fund Balance Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

Current Surplus – December 31, 1976	\$328,708
Current Surplus – December 31, 1977	220,137
Decrease in Current Surplus	\$108,571

Analysis of Change

Decreases in Current Surplus:		
Surplus Used To Reduce 1977 Tax Rate	\$265,000	
Tax Liens Transferred To Tax Deeds	1,510	
		\$266,510
Increase in Current Surplus:		
1977 Budget Surplus (Exhibit A-4)		157,939
Net Decrease in Current Surplus		\$108,571

See Notes To Financial Statements

EXHIBIT A-3 TOWN OF BOW

General Fund Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

	Encumbered From 1976	Appropriations 1977	Refunds	Total Amount Available	Expended 1977	Encumbered	(Over) Under Budget
General Government	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Town Officers' Salaries		71,375		71,375	68,706		2,669
Town Office Administrative Expenses		20,430	570	21,000	16,311		4,689
Election and Registration Expenses		1,639	60	1,699	839		860
Town Hall and Buildings Maintenance		66,020	339	66,359	55,135	362	10,862
Municipal Audit		1,000		1,000	1,000		
Protection of Persons and Property							
Police Department		117,060	16,169	133,229	122,780		10,449
Fire Department		48,015	1,302	49,317	43,109		6,208
Insurance		29,162	3,879	33,041	33,366		(325)
Planning and Zoning		2,790	716	3,506	2,059		1,447
Care of Trees		100		100	40		60
Civil Defense		25		25			25
Conservation Commission		7,540		7,540	3,793		3,747
Health and Sanitation							
Health Department, Including Hospitals		2,623		2,623	2,598		25
Town Dump	3,445	26,625		30,070	28,012		2,058
Highways and Bridges							
Town Road Aid		1,093		1,093	1,093		
Town Maintenance		98,100	5,784	103,884	100,926		2,958
Street Lighting		17,750		17,750	16,064		1,686
General Expenses of Highway Department		114,315	18,739	133,054	105,972		27,082
Libraries		19,586		19,586	19,586		

	Encumbered From 1976	Appropriations 1977	Refunds	Total Amount Available	Expended 1977	Encumbered	(Over) Under Budget
Public Welfare							
Old Age Assistance	\$	\$ 10,000	\$	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,355	\$	\$ 8,645
Town Poor		3,220		3,220	1,167		2,053
Patriotic Purposes		10,050	28	10,078	10,163		(85)
Recreation		19,791	3,612	23,403	22,428		975
Public Service Enterprises							
Cemeteries		5,185		5,185	4,196		989
Unclassified							
Damages and Legal Expense		3,000		3,000	2,740		260
Retirement and Social Security	3,000	24,500	885	28,385	26,042	3,706	(1,363)
Advertising and Regional Associations		2,565		2,565	2,553		12
Contingency Fund		8,000		8,000	7,935		65
Bounties					3		(3)
Debt Service							
Interest on Debt:							
Tax Anticipation Notes		10,000		10,000	4,409		5,591
Capital Outlay							
State Aid Construction – Town's Share	25,000	15,000		40,000		40,000	
Dry Bridge (Article 15 – 1970)	9,865			9,865		9,865	
Land Acquisition – Upton Property		200,750		200,750	194,667		6,083
Highway Equipment		31,838		31,838	31,838		
Land Acquisition – Sargent Park Area		5,000		5,000	5,000		
Sewer Plans		40,000		40,000		40,000	
Payments to Capital Reserve Fund		10,000		10,000	10,000		
Total Town Appropriations	\$ 41,310	\$1,044,147	\$52,083	\$1,137,540	\$ 945,885	\$ 93,933	\$ 97,722
Payments To Other Governmental Divisions:							
County Tax		317,662		317,662	317,662		
School District Assessment	802,569	1,490,818		2,293,387	1,502,569	790,818	
Overlay (Abateements and Refunds)		27,875		27,875	1,449		26,426
Totals	\$843,879	\$2,880,502	\$52,083	\$3,776,464	\$2,767,565	\$884,751	\$124,148

See Notes To Financial Statements

EXHIBIT A-4 TOWN OF BOW

General Fund

Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenue and Budget Summary Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

SOURCE	Estimated	Revenue Actual	Over (Under) Budget
Local Taxes:			
Current Year			
Property	\$2,226,019	\$2,226,470	\$ 451
Resident	20,920	21,660	740
Yield	10,587	10,587	
National Bank Stock	130	147	17
Prior Years:			
Resident		280	280
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	3,280	3,395	115
Surplus Used To Reduce 1977 Tax Rate:	265,000	265,000	
From Federal Sources:			
Revenue Sharing	41,042	41,042	
From State of New Hampshire:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	15,283	15,283	
Savings Bank Tax	5,335	5,335	
Meals and Rooms Tax	22,077	22,077	
Business Profits Tax	119,483	119,483	
Highway Subsidy	19,246	19,246	
Gas Tax Refunds	3,700	3,685	(15)
State and Federal Forest Lands	67	67	
Division of Forest and Lands	500	500	
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	75,000	97,349	22,349
Dog Licenses	1,450	1,535	85
Business Licenses, Permits and Fees	6,000	10,088	4,088
Interest on Investments	15,813	15,814	1
Rent of Town Property	4,770	5,040	270
Income From Trust Funds	1,200	1,419	219
Withdrawal From Capital Reserve Fund	6,000	6,000	
Income From Departments	11,600	9,643	(1,957)
Other Income	6,000	13,148	7,148
Totals	\$2,880,502	\$2,914,293	\$33,791

BUDGET SUMMARY

Estimated Revenue	\$2,880,502		
Actual Revenue	2,914,293		
Revenue Surplus		\$ 33,791	
Total Appropriations	\$2,880,502		
Net Expenditures and Encumbrances	2,756,354		
Net Unexpended Balance of Appropriations		\$ 124,148	
1977 Budget Surplus			\$157,939

See Notes To Financial Statements

EXHIBIT C-1 TOWN OF BOW

Summary of Warrants Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

	Levies of:	
—DR.—	1977	1976
Uncollected Taxes — December 31, 1976		
Property	\$	\$100,289
Resident		1,990
Taxes Committed To Collector		
Property	2,226,359	
Resident	20,920	
Yield	12,704	
National Bank Stock	147	
Added Taxes		
Property	111	
Resident	740	280
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes	24	2,588
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes	80	186
Total Debits	\$2,261,085	\$105,333
—CR.—		
Remittances To Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$2,113,092	\$100,258
Resident Taxes	19,260	1,900
Yield Taxes	12,704	
National Bank Stock Taxes	147	
Interest	24	2,588
Penalties	80	186
Abatements Allowed		
Property Taxes	443	
Resident Taxes	610	370
Uncollected Taxes — December 31, 1977		
Property	112,935	31
Resident	1,790	
Total Credits	\$2,261,085	\$105,333

EXHIBIT C-2 TOWN OF BOW

Summary of Tax Sale Accounts Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

	Levies Of:			
	1976	1975	1974	Prior Years
—DR.—				
Unredeemed Taxes—December 31, 1976	\$	\$3,668	\$1,391	\$188
Tax Sale of June 3, 1977	9,660			
Interest and Costs Collected After Sale	116	253	148	
Total Debits	\$9,776	\$3,921	\$1,539	\$188
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—CR.—				
Remittances To Treasurer				
Redemptions	\$5,444	\$2,203	\$ 684	\$
Interest and Costs	116	253	148	
Deeded To Town During Year	545	544	421	
Unredeemed Taxes—December 31, 1977	3,671	921	286	188
Total Credits	\$9,776	\$3,921	\$1,539	\$188
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EXHIBIT D TOWN OF BOW

Statement of Town Clerk's Account Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

—DR.—

Cash On Hand — December 31, 1976	\$ 360
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	97,357
Dog Licenses and Penalties Collected	
Town	\$1,535
State of New Hampshire	<u>10</u>
	1,545
Motor Vehicle Title Fees	908
Filing Fees	4
Uniform Commercial Code Fees	<u>198</u>
Total Debits	<u>\$100,372</u>

—CR.—

Remittances To Treasurer	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$97,713
Dog Licenses and Penalties	1,545
Motor Vehicle Title Fees	912
Filing Fees	4
Uniform Commercial Code Fees	<u>198</u>
Total Credits	<u>\$100,372</u>

Note—The present system inaugurated by the State of New Hampshire in issuing motor vehicle permits to the Town Clerks creates an audit problem due to the fact that the permits are pre-printed and are therefore not accounted for by the Clerk numerically.

Although our examination of the records included such tests as we considered necessary to express an opinion on the financial statements, it is not practical to account for 100% of the motor vehicle permits issued to the Clerk by the State of New Hampshire.

Article 4: It was voted to establish as town forests, under RSA 31:110, the following tracts or parcels of land acquired by the Town in 1976 by purchase from the estates of Robert W. Upton and Martha G. Upton:

Block 2 Parcel numbers 83, 97 and 122

Block 3 Parcel numbers 63 and 138

Block 4 Parcel numbers 26, 27, 56, 65, 68 and 116

Block 5 Parcel number 64,

and to authorize the Town Conservation Commission to manage such town forests and to develop and carry out a forest management program for the same and other multiple use programs consistent therewith.

Article 5: It was voted to authorize the Selectmen to determine, after public hearing, the proper utilization of all those lands acquired by the Town from the estates of Robert W. Upton and Martha G. Upton, which are not established as town forests under the preceding article.

Article 6: It was voted not to elect Planning Board members at the next regular town meeting as outlined in New Hampshire State Law RSA 36:4. Voting was by paper ballot. The result was as follows:

Yes 95

No 185

Article 7: It was voted to appropriate the sum of thirty-three thousand five hundred dollars (\$33,500.) for the purchase of the following highway equipment:

Dump truck with plow and wing, and authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972.

Article 8: It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for Replacement of Highway Equipment.

Article 9: It was voted to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw from the Capital Reserve Fund established in 1966 for the Purchase of Highway Equipment the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.) and all interest accrued and add this amount to the Capital Reserve Fund established in 1959 for the Purchase of New or Replacement of Existing Highway Equipment. This will combine two capital reserve funds into one.

Article 10: It was voted to appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.) to purchase additional land along the easterly and northerly sides of Sargent Park and authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the

amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972.

Article 11: It was voted to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw from the Capital Reserve Fund established in 1962 for Replacement and Reconstruction of Town Buildings the amount of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.) to be used as a set-off against the budgeted appropriation of the Municipal Building.

Article 12: It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand, ninety-two dollars and fifty-four cents (\$1,092.54) for Town Road Aid Construction, the State to furnish the amount of seven thousand, two hundred eighty-three dollars and sixty cents (\$7,283.60) to be expended on the Branch Londonderry Turnpike and the Allen Road.

Article 13: It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.) to improve the construction of the public highway known as Wood Hill Road, the State to furnish an equal amount.

Article 14: It was voted to authorize the Selectmen to apply, negotiate and do all other things necessary to obtain such Federal, State, or other assistance as may be available for the design of, and construction of a sewage disposal system, and to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of said assistance as outlined in N.H. RSA 33:7-b et seq., as amended, and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 15: It was voted to raise and appropriate a sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.) for the purpose of preparing plans and specifications on sewerage and sewage treatment facilities which are requirements contained in the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) and will qualify the Town for Federal Funds, and to allow the Selectmen to expend such additional monies as become available from the Federal Government under the Financial Assistance Program of the Construction Grants section of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 16: It was voted not to authorize the Selectmen to take any and all such action as may be necessary to acquire whatever easements and lands as are required to comply with Permit No. N.P.D.E.S. N.H. 010048, initially certified by the New Hampshire Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission on July 20, 1975 under the provisions of Public Law 92500. Further, the Selectmen are not authorized to employ

whatever statutory provisions, including RSA 31:92-a, as are deemed necessary or desirable in order to secure the easements and lands required for the project.

Article 17: It was voted to appropriate the sum of four thousand, seven hundred dollars (\$4,700.) to replace a police cruiser and authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972.

Article 18: It was voted to authorize the Selectmen to accept surplus equipment for the Town from the State or Federal Government whenever owning such equipment appears to be in the best interest of the Town.

Article 19: It was voted to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 20: It was voted to accept the budget as \$1,046,304.64.

Article 21: It was voted to authorize the Selectmen to transfer to the Bow School District for the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) that piece of Town land located southerly of the Bow Memorial School and known as Block #3, Parcel #106 on the Bow Town map containing 18.5 acres more or less for the purpose of future school use.

Article 22: It was voted to accept reports as written in the Town Report.

Article 23: As no other business was brought to the floor, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 Midnight.

A true copy of record, attest

Virginia F. Abbott

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY as of DECEMBER 31, 1977

	Land	Buildings	Contents	Total
1. Town Hall	7,000.00	10,000.00	1,000.00	18,000.00
2. Municipal Building	10,000.00	115,000.00	10,000.00	135,000.00
3. Sargent Park	8,000.00	-----	-----	8,000.00
4. Community Building	10,000.00	90,000.00	5,000.00	105,000.00
5. Library	10,000.00	196,000.00	10,000.00	216,000.00
6. Highway Garage	10,000.00	50,000.00	80,000.00	140,000.00
7. Fire Department	-----	-----	175,000.00	175,000.00
8. Police Department	-----	-----	10,000.00	10,000.00
9. Cemeteries	10,000.00	-----	-----	10,000.00
10. Town Pound	1,000.00	-----	-----	1,000.00
11. Bow Center School	3,000.00	8,000.00	-----	11,000.00
12. Dump Site	7,000.00	1,500.00	-----	8,500.00
13. Lot - Clinton St. (Banks)	3,000.00	-----	-----	3,000.00
14. Lot - Albin Rd. (Derosia)	7,000.00	-----	-----	7,000.00
15. Lot - Wood Hill Rd. (Tenney)	5,000.00	-----	-----	5,000.00
16. Lot - River Rd.	10,000.00	-----	-----	10,000.00
17. Lot - No. Bow (Pirie)	5,000.00	-----	-----	5,000.00
18. Lot - Turnpike	3,000.00	-----	-----	3,000.00
19. Town Forest (Turnpike)	5,000.00	-----	-----	5,000.00
20. Acreage (Br. Turnpike-Marshall)	15,000.00	5,000.00	-----	20,000.00
21. Lot - off 3-A	1,000.00	-----	-----	1,000.00
22. Acreage - Grandview Rd.	500.00	-----	-----	500.00
23. Memorial School	20,000.00	2,060,000.00	304,000.00	2,384,000.00
24. School Forest	13,000.00	-----	-----	13,000.00
25. Acreage (Upton)	500,000.00	-----	-----	500,000.00
Totals	663,500.00	2,535,500.00	595,000.00	3,794,000.00

Revenue Sharing Fund

Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Fund Balance Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

Fund Balance — January 1, 1977	67,608.34
Add Revenue:	
Entitlement Payments	53,430.00
Interest Earned	5,066.36
Total Amount Available	126,104.70
Less Expenditures:	
Highway Equipment	31,838.00
Land Acquisition	5,000.00
Police Cruiser	4,203.50
	41,041.50
Fund Balance — December 31, 1977	85,063.20

Loans in Anticipation of Taxes

Authorized By Vote of the Town of Bow, New Hampshire
Passed on the 8th Day of March, 1976

Amount	No.	Date	Date Due	Bank
\$100,000.00	1	6/14/77	12/15/77	Bank of N.H.
150,000.00	2	9/13/77	12/30/77	Bank of N.H.
100,000.00	3	11/8/77	12/30/77	Bank of N.H.
125,000.00	4	11/14/77	12/30/77	Bank of N.H.

Paid in full December 21, 1977

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1977 \$1,133,349.72

Receipts:

1976 Property Tax	100,257.98
1977 Property Tax	2,113,091.88
National Bank Stock	147.15
Yield Tax	12,703.93
1976 Resident Tax	1,940.00
1977 Resident Tax	19,220.00
Interest and Penalties	2,878.27
Tax Sales Redeemed	8,847.68

State of New Hampshire

Reimbursement for State & Federal Lands . .	66.82
Grant from Forest Lands	500.00
Land Damage	1,800.00
Highway Subsidy	19,246.42
Business Profits Tax	119,482.88
Savings Bank Tax	5,334.87
Interest and Dividends Tax	15,283.26
Meals and Rooms Tax	22,077.05
Gasoline Tax	2,954.57
Revenue Sharing and Interest	58,496.36
Anti Recession Fund	901.00
Dog Licenses	1,545.30
Pistol Permits	96.00
Building Permits	8,169.70
Filing Fees	4.00

Rent of Town Property

Community Building	510.00
Municipal Building	4,150.00
Interest on Deposits	15,813.79
Income from Trust Funds	1,419.00
Motor Vehicle Permits	97,357.50
Certificate of Title Application	908.00
Uniform Commercial Code Fees	198.00
Income from Departments	
Cemeteries	600.00
Police Department	
Dog Revenue	235.00
Police Insurance Reports	168.00

Bicycle Registrations	108.00
Highway Department	7,428.78
BOCA Sales	261.00
Sale of Bow Histories	668.70
Sale of Commemorative Coins	5,299.88
Sale of Maps, Zoning Regulations, etc.	166.56
Subdivision Lot Fees	824.00
Sale of Town Property	47.52
Appeal Deposits	1,740.00
Refunds	
Traffic Control	18,618.00
Recreation Department	3,612.47
Highway Payroll	5,784.56
Highway Department	16,656.27
Miscellaneous Department Refunds	10,726.09
Timber Damage Payment	6,000.00
1976 Credits	2,306.38
Bank of N. H. — Loans in	
Anticipation of Taxes	475,000.00
Total Receipts	\$4,325,002.34
Less Selectmen's Orders Paid	3,252,978.92
Cash on Hand, December 31, 1977	1,072,023.42

Joan P. Lyford
Treasurer, Bow, N. H.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1977

Categories

1. Salaries and Wages
2. Outside Services
3. Communications
4. Supplies
5. Equipment Costs
6. Fuel and Utilities
7. Insurance
8. Unclassified
9. New Equipment

I-1 Town Officers Salaries

111 Tax Collector and Town Clerk	9,767.20
Selectmen's Secretary	7,915.20
Administrative Assistant	17,272.57
Town Engineer and Building Inspector	15,856.47
Record Clerk	4,895.60
112 Deputy Tax Collector	3,441.03
Bookkeeper	3,858.34
Health Officer	100.00
Budget Committee Secretary	238.92
113 Selectmen	4,500.00
Treasurer	600.00
Trustee of Trust Funds	75.00

68,520.33

I-2 Town Officers Administrative Expenses

201 Meeting Expenses	51.60
203 Manuals and Directories	543.44
210 Printing	2,587.40
215 Contract Copies	729.00
228 Property Assessment	1,486.51
229 Recording Fees	117.13
261 Equipment Repairs	270.84
281 Advertising	281.49
285 Safe Deposit	25.00
297 Delivery of Town Reports	100.00
298 Reports of Boat Owners	34.50
299 Maps	350.90
310 Telephones	4,314.38

320 Envelopes and Stamps	1,129.55	
402 Supplies	1,068.31	
404 Copier Supplies	562.50	
406 Vouchers	180.82	
408 Dog Tags	215.86	
499 Unclassified	699.35	
510 Mileage	152.79	
530 Gasoline	617.97	
560 Auto Parts and Supplies	78.81	
983 Replace Automobile	712.50	
		16,310.65
I-3 Election and Registration Expenses		
111 Supervisors and Moderator	211.93	
112 Selectmen, etc.	297.17	
112 Police	49.82	
210 Checklists and Ballots	175.93	
283 Meals	77.50	
402 Supplies	27.00	
		839.35
I-4 Highway Garage		
215 Contract Services	533.62	
305 Fire Alarm	126.00	
340 Radios	40.00	
413 Paint	52.53	
441 Building Materials	1,248.52	
461 Replace Equipment	182.29	
462 Tools	74.54	
483 Cleaning Supplies	173.03	
484 Bulbs, Fuses	5.64	
610 Electricity	1,096.31	
640 Fuel Oil	4,327.37	
901 New Equipment — Gasoline Pump	959.23	
		8,819.08

I-4 Municipal Building

111 Custodian	9,434.60	
212 Building Improvements	7,998.57	
223 Engineering Fees	231.75	
245 Bldg. Repairs and Maintenance	1,058.88	
305 Fire Alarm	126.00	
411 Flags	74.66	
413 Paint	219.86	
441 Building Repair Supplies	211.58	
443 Grounds Supplies	40.04	
461 Replace Equipment	665.00	
483 Custodian Supplies	314.63	
510 Mileage	95.52	
610 Electricity	2,239.57	
620 Natural Gas	3,573.07	
900 Office Equipment	1,296.92	
905 Water Cooler	851.33	
912 Office Furniture	111.50	
		28,543.48

I-4 Community Building

213 Building Repairs	1,916.16	
215 Contract Services	239.53	
266 Tools and Minor Equipment Repairs	35.00	
284 Lease of Radio Tower Land	25.00	
411 Flags	82.60	
413 Paint	201.25	
414 Building Repair Materials	220.61	
483 Custodial Supplies	515.73	
484 Bulbs and Fuses	23.03	
610 Electricity	2,846.63	
620 Natural Gas	79.12	
640 Fuel Oil	6,515.77	
914 Water Purifier	470.32	
		13,170.75

I-4 Bow Center School

212 Building Improvements.	4,442.60	4,442.60
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I-4 Town Hall

610 Electricity.	32.80	
620 Bottled Gas.	126.28	159.08

I- Insurance

710 Fire and Extended Coverage	}	6,838.10
Liability		
Burglary		
715 Boiler		282.00
730 Motor Vehicles		5,866.00
750 Officers' Bonds.		796.00
760 Workmen's Compensation		8,822.00
765 Accident Insurance.		477.75
770 Life.		4,302.67
775 Blue Cross — Blue Shield		5,945.75
		33,330.27

I-5 Employees Retirement and Social Security

800 Retirement	11,574.76	
Social Security	11,530.18	23,104.94

I-6 Contingency Fund

I-6 Contingency Fund	7,935.00	7,935.00
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I-7 Audit

2. Outside Services	1,000.00	1,000.00
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II-1 Police Department

111 Permanent Officers.	46,509.40
111 Dispatchers	33,674.00
112 Secretary and Dispatchers.	5,588.41
122 Special Officers.	4,756.43
122A Dog Officer	704.84
201 Dues and Meetings	65.00
210 Printing	82.35
261 Office Equipment Repairs.	36.10
264 Repairs to Uniforms	4.00

320 Postage	39.00
340 Radios and Repairs	506.14
402 Office Supplies	409.48
403 Photo Supplies	153.85
464 Uniforms and Clothing	855.57
469 Special Police Equipment	832.20
480 Dog Expenses	271.77
484 Lamps and Flashlights	110.00
485 Special Police Dept. Supplies	318.35
488 Bicycle Licenses	119.70
510 Mileage	30.48
530 Gasoline	4,986.82
531 Grease and Oil	168.13
550 Tires	661.69
551 Batteries	109.90
570 Cruiser Parts and Repairs	1,112.41
912 Office Equipment	202.96
915 Replace Cruiser	4,203.50
934 Radio Equipment	198.95
Traffic Control (Refunded)	16,069.00
	122,780.43

II-2 Fire Department

111 Permanent Salary	8,269.60
Chief's Salary	2,226.00
123 Department Salaries	10,096.28
201 Dues, Memberships and Meetings	362.00
202 Training Schools	289.00
203 Subscriptions and Periodical	55.50
234 Servicing Extinguishers	170.87
310 Woodhill Telephone Line	288.47
340 Radios and Repairs	7,987.56
413 Paint	48.91
449 Miscellaneous Supplies	62.79
464 Uniforms and Clothing	1,922.18
466 Fire Hose and Fittings	5,421.16
468 Special Fire Equipment	2,038.34
484 Lamps and Flashlights	22.10
486 Special Fire Dept. Supplies	170.87
499 All Other Expenses	1,123.89

520 Equipment Rental	136.50	
530 Gasoline	643.49	
531 Oil and Grease	143.29	
540 Automative Parts	936.13	
550 Tires.	6.76	
551 Batteries.	135.71	
560 Chief's Car	456.28	
570 Outside Repairs	280.65	
		43,294.33
II-3 Conservation Commission		
112 Part-time Salaries	345.92	
201 Dues, Memberships and Meetings.	60.00	
202 Training Program	150.00	
215 Contract Services	100.00	
223 Engineering Fees	1,571.85	
320 Postage.	26.00	
420 Supplies	39.24	
950 Land Acquisition	1,500.00	
		3,793.01
II-5 Planning Board		
112 Salaries.	546.40	
201 Meeting Expenses.	50.00	
229 Recording Fees	4.00	
281 Advertising.	178.50	
320 Postage.	373.70	
402 Supplies	33.00	
		1,185.60
II-5 Zoning Board of Adjustment		
112 Salaries.	291.48	
281 Advertising.	95.25	
320 Postage.	315.29	
402 Supplies	35.20	
		737.22

II-7 Damages and Legal Expenses

295 Legal Services	2,589.88	
811 Dog Damage.	150.00	2,739.88

II-8 Blister Rust Control

215 Contract Services	40.00	40.00
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II-9 Civil Defense

II-10 Building Code Board of Appeals

112 Salaries.	101.56	
320 Postage.	13.00	
402 Supplies	21.15	135.71

III-1 Health and Sanitation

321 Concord Hospital (Town Share).	648.00	
8. UNA Contribution	1,950.00	2,598.00

III-2 Town Dump

112 Part-time Salaries	2,200.44	
215 Contract Services	14,924.00	
Concord Contract	7,392.45	
610 Electricity.	49.70	24,566.59

IV-1 Town Maintenance

111 Permanent Salaries.	90,121.22	
115 Overtime	10,804.80	100,926.02

IV-2 Street Lighting

215 Repairs	552.30	
610 Electricity.	15,511.58	16,063.88

IV-3 General Expense by Highway

217 Crushing Gravel	2,105.00	
221 Medical Fees.	30.00	
243 Snow Removal and Sanding	5,949.00	
266 Tools and Minor Equipment Repairs.	50.75	
287 Rental of Equipment.	1,839.53	
341 Radio and Repairs	95.51	
413 Paint	63.39	
420 Sand and Gravel	1,593.58	
421 Salt.	15,699.27	
422 Cold Patch	1,453.12	
423 Liquid Asphalt	18,842.20	
424 Drainage Materials.	1,602.11	
425 Hot Asphaltic Mix	615.50	
441 Building Materials	38.66	
445 Traffic Control Supplies	1,215.90	
462 Hand Tools and Minor Equipment	145.35	
464 Uniforms and Clothing	68.30	
510 Mileage	188.88	
530 Gasoline	13,722.65	
531 Grease and Oil	1,931.38	
550 Tires.	3,124.04	
560 Auto Parts and Supplies	12,731.13	
561 Plow Blades and Parts.	2,725.88	
562 Steel and Iron	198.68	
563 Tire Chains.	117.25	
570 Outside Repairs to Equipment	1,428.25	
612 Torch Gases	340.02	
		87,915.33
IV-4 Town Road Aid		
820 State of New Hampshire	1,092.54	
		1,092.54

IV-5 Resurfacing

287 Rental of Equipment.	509.70	
420 Sand.	420.00	
423 Liquid Asphalt	10,560.65	
		11,490.35

V-1 Library		
820 Appropriation.	19,586.00	
		19,586.00

VI-1 Public Welfare		
201 Meeting Expense	14.43	
215 Community Action Program	668.45	
235 Welfare	483.98	
237 Care of Delinquent Children		
		1,166.86

VI-2 Old Age Assistance		
820 Old Age Assistance to State.	1,354.75	
		1,354.75

VII-2 Bisesquicentennial Committee		
210 Printing	9.75	
212 Building Improvements.	174.54	
215 Contract Services	8,286.27	
231 Photo Services.	29.05	
281 Advertising	1,210.92	
291 Flowers.		
320 Postage.	13.00	
499 Unclassified	439.69	
		10,163.22

VIII-1 Recreation — Parks and Playgrounds		
111 Permanent Salaries.	10,041.54	
112 Part-time Salaries	3,227.63	
114 Bus Drivers.	36.00	
201 Dues, Memberships, etc.	270.70	
210 Printing	89.00	
243 Snow Removal	15.00	
245 Repairs and Maintenance (Grounds)	499.17	
267 Repairs to Equipment.	82.90	
281 Advertising.	5.40	
286 Film Rental	926.51	
320 Postage.	35.50	
402 Office Supplies	244.54	
403 Photo Supplies	137.30	

481 First Aid Supplies	59.35	
487 Special Recreation Supplies	1,305.98	
499 Unclassified Expenses	3,938.46	
510 Mileage	462.48	
530 Gasoline	128.03	
912 Office Furniture	337.53	
937 New Equipment (Rotary Brush)	584.80	
		22,427.82
IX-1 Cemeteries		
112 Salaries	3,256.50	
291 Flowers	10.00	
411 Flags	50.00	
449 Miscellaneous Supplies	279.10	
461 Replacement of Equipment	408.95	
515 Mower Parts	191.88	
		4,196.43
IX-2 Advertising and Regional Associations		
201 Central N.H. Regional Planning Commission	1,790.00	
N.H. Municipal Association	622.73	
N.H. Tax Collectors	10.00	
N.H. Town and City Clerks	10.00	
N.H. Assoc. of Assessing Officials	10.00	
Bldg. Officials and Admin. International	100.00	
N.H. Building Officials Assoc.	10.00	
		2,552.73
X Interest on Temporary Loans		
860 Bank of New Hampshire	4,408.86	
		4,408.86
XI-1 Capital Outlay — New Equipment — Highway		
933 Automotive Equipment — Truck	31,838.00	
		31,838.00
XI-2 State Aid Construction		
820 State of New Hampshire	_____	

XI-3 Town Highway Construction

287 Rental of Equipment. _____

XI-4 Land Acquisition — Upton Property

Principal	182,500.00	
Interest	12,166.68	
Sargent Property	5,000.00	
		199,666.68

Temporary Loans

860 Loan Payments — Tax Anticipation Notes . .	475,000.00	
		475,000.00

Refunds

890 Board of Adjustment and Planning Board		
Appeal Deposits	621.98	
Motor Vehicle Permits	8.00	
Building Permits	109.85	
Property and Resident Taxes	26.34	
Blue Cross	36.21	
		802.38
 District Bills to be Refunded	6,566.32	
		6,566.32

Bounties	3.50	
		3.50

1976 Payments	9,409.58	
		9,409.58

Taxes Bought by Town	9,659.56	
		9,659.56

To Capital Reserve	10,000.00	
		10,000.00

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions

820 State of N.H. Bond and Debt Retirement Tax	2,117.32	
835 Merrimack County Tax	317,662.21	
840 Bow School District	1,502,569.02	
		1,822,348.55

Less Social Security Quarterly Payment	3,706.74	
		3,706.74

Total Expenditures	3,252,978.92	
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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1977 has been a good year for the Bow Highway Department. Outside of a nasty storm we had in March, the winter of '77 wasn't too hard on us.

We were kept busy with our maintenance program of sealing and shimming, as well as cutting brush, cleaning ditches and catch basins, etc.

I am well pleased with the results of our shimming during the past two years. The roads that have received this treatment have been improved greatly and it has eliminated the need of rebuilding these roads.

Our T.R.A. project on Branch Londonderry Turnpike, north of Route 13 (Clinton Street), was completed last summer making this road much easier to maintain and to travel on. Our next T.R.A. project will be Allen Road which we hope to get started on in the Spring.

As the years go by, we become more and more aware of the growth of our community. The many new homes add more work for the Highway Department to cope with. Every new street makes for more plowing, drainage control, ditches and catch basins to clean. We accept the challenge and strive to do the best we can to make everyone travel as trouble free as possible; however, as we perform our duties, we become aware of problems that appear and grow as the years go by.

A problem that has confronted us many times in our cleanup during the last few years, especially in the spring, is the sand we put on the roads all winter as well as sand accumulation from sealing etc. In order to clean up properly, we need a pick-up type sweeper. Until now, we have had to hire one; however, when the time comes for cleanup the sweeper is very much in demand and consequently there is no sweeper available. Due to these problems we know exist and the many phone calls we receive regarding this, we deem it necessary to put in for a sweeper in our budget this year. We are in hopes of getting a sweeper that will not only sweep, but will be usable to clean catch basins as well. This type of equipment is expensive but should have a life of over ten years, making the cost less than it immediately appears to be.

Our ice control program requires the use of considerable sand in order to keep our salt consumption down and while doing so, we reach a saturation point after a while which requires a means of cleaning it up. We request your support in the purchase of a sweeper.

Blessed with everyone's help and patience, as we have had in the past, we look forward to the New Year with encouragement and desire to do as good a job as we know how.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul A. Lindquist
Road Agent

BOW TOWN REPORT

REPORT OF BAKER FREE LIBRARY

1977 was a year of remembrance and a year of looking into the future. Baker Free Library displayed the piece of bunting proudly over her South Street entrance in celebration of Bow's 250th Anniversary. With this in mind, at Town Meeting in March, the staff presented their annual collection of new books during polling hours. This has been a tradition for many, many years and helps the new people of our community to know that we do have a good library for their use.

During Old Home Week in May, our 250th Anniversary Committee buried a Time Capsule in our lawn on South Street. The day of the parade, our parking lot, lawn and facilities turned out to be a welcome "oasis" for parade participants and watchers.

Among our changes this year — the most important one was the retirement of Mrs. Barbara K. Howe, Librarian, on August 31st. She served in this capacity for almost 25 years and brought this library up to the standard of being rated one of the best libraries in N.H. of our population level. On September 16th a retirement party was tendered her by the Board of Trustees and Staff, with many friends, associates and her three daughters in attendance, when the Selectmen presented her with a plaque. The Trustees established a fund, the donations of funds to be used in the purchase of books for the Library chosen by Mrs. Howe and marked in her honor.

Our Bow Memorial School has increased their usage of our Library in several ways. Several teachers have brought classes down for instruction, information and books. Most Wednesday afternoons at 2:00 p.m., a bus group of 7, 8, or 9th graders come for recreational reading and/or reference material. For quite a few years each Spring all kindergarteners are brought also by bus and given conducted tours and instruction in library usage. Each year, we are finding there are *fewer* children unfamiliar with our Library. We are very grateful to our parents who realize how valuable books are to a child's development. The Bow Women's Club has been conducting Story Hours the first Wednesday of each month during the school year. If our budget is approved, as submitted, by the Town Meeting, we are extending our hours on Wednesday and the Story Hour will be held on Wednesday Mornings by popular request. A story telling workshop was held for the women who participate in this special hour by Mrs. Kay Herrick, our State Library Consultant.

Speaking of these possible new hours, our present schedule is:

OCTOBER 1 TO JUNE 1 — WINTER HOURS

Monday	2:00-8:00 P.M.
Wednesday	2:00-6:00 P.M.
Friday	2:00-6:00 P.M.
Saturday	9:00 A.M.-12 Noon

JUNE 1 TO OCTOBER 1 — SUMMER HOURS

Monday	2:00-8:00 P.M.
Wednesday	2:00-6:00 P.M.
Friday	2:00-9:00 P.M.

I repeat — *If our budget is approved*, our Wednesday hours will be changed to *WEDNESDAY 10:00 A.M. — 6:00 P.M.*

Other Staff activities during the year include:

Bookmobile calls 2-3 times a year;

Attending new book displays at State Library Extension Office;

Instruction to Girl Scouts about library merit badge work;

Aiding out-of-towners in geneology research, town history and historical sites information;

Book selection and/or delivery to senior citizens and/or shutins;

And attendance at UNH for courses in library work under the State Public Library Techniques Program.

When Mrs. Howe retired, I was appointed to serve as Librarian Pro-tem until Town Meeting in March. Mrs. Elizabeth (Betty) Waite was hired to complete the staff, basically in charge of our children's room and very ably helping the Staff in all work. She has been attending UNH with me and we recently finished a most helpful course on reference. We don't pretend to have all the answers but we're "ready, willing and able" to try to find them. Our Staff also includes Mrs. Virginia Brown, at the checkout desk and Mrs. Rose Drescher, also at the desk and our bookkeeper as well. Our janitor is Roland Robinson.

"A good book is the best of friends, the same to-day and forever."

— Martin Farquhar Tupper

Helen H. Robinson,
Librarian Pro-tem

BAKER FREE LIBRARY
FINANCIAL REPORT 1977

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, January 1, 1977	
W. A. Kennedy Memorial Trust	(\$121.32)
Library Funds	5,548.78

Income from Trust Funds	
Bonds	850.01
Stocks	356.51
Savings Bank Acct.	29.52

Gifts		
Walter A. Kennedy Memorial Trust	(148.15)	
Use of copier	3.75	
Town of Bow Appropriation	19,586.00	
Lost a/o damaged books	35.50	
Book Sale	5.00	
		\$26,415.07

Expenditures

Salaries		
Librarian	1,861.08	
Assistants	7,425.99	
Janitor	1,208.34	
Social Security & Administration.	616.00	
		11,111.41

Books & Magazines	6,327.58	
Reference Index & Guides.	245.00	
L.P. Records	326.25	
Electricity	685.81	
Telephone Service	197.33	
Telephone Alarm	126.00	
Library Supplies	437.36	
Fuel	1,642.19	
Insurance	913.00	
Bank Charges	8.00	
Rubbish Disposal	50.00	
Postage	26.00	
Building Maintenance	1,168.69	
Kennedy Trust	(116.85)	
		12,153.21

Balance on hand		
Library Funds.	3,150.45	
Kennedy Trust	(152.62)	
		\$26,415.07
() Indicates not added in totals		

BAKER FREE LIBRARY
Invested Trust Funds as of December 31, 1977

Bonds		
1— Georgia Power Co. 8 5/8%	\$5,000.00	
1— Potomac Electric Power Co. 8 3/8%	5,000.00	
		\$10,000.00

Stocks		
58 Shares of Manufacturers Hanover Corp	198.12	
53 Shares of Continental Corp. Common		
6 Shares of Continental Corp. Preferred	147.93	
60 Shares of Conill Corp.	168.29	

Savings Bank Deposit		
New Hampshire Savings Bank No. 170147.	550.17	
		\$11,064.51

Judith A. King
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF CAPITAL RESERVE FUND AND PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	%	Balance	New
				Beginning Year	Funds Created
March 5 1962	Capitol Reserve Fund for Replacement & Reconstruction of Town Buildings	2976 Con. Fed. Sav. Bank		6,000.00	
July 5 1959	Capitol Reserve Fund for Replacement of Highway Equipment	5854 Con. Fed. Sav. Bank			42,619.20
Aug. 1 1958	Capital Reserve Fund for Replacement of Town Buildings	50857 Merr. Cty. Sav. Bank		10,000.00	
April 29 1958	Capitol Reserve Fund for Cemeteries Derived from Sale of Lots	50515 Merr. Cty. Sav. Bank		5,660.00	660.00
March 19 1974	Capitol Reserve Fund for the Acquisition of Land for the Fire Station Sub Station	64342 Merr. Cty. Sav. Bank		1,000.00	
Aug. 1 1958	Capitol Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Fire Equipment	50855 Merr. Cty. Sav. Bank		1,659.13	
May 9 1966	Capitol Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Highway Equipment	56627 Merr. Cty. Sav. Bank		25,000.00	
Aug. 1 1958	Capitol Reserve Fund for Highway Construction	50856 Merr. Cty. Sav. Bank			
Sept. 8 1970	Capitol Reserve Fund for Replacing Police Department Equipment	60380 Merr. Cty. Sav. Bank		1,937.99	
May 9 1966	Capitol Reserve Fund for the Baker Free Library	56626 Merr. Cty. Sav. Bank		1,900.00	
March 25 1958	Capitol Reserve Fund for School Buses	50431 Merr. Cty. Sav. Bank			
Oct. 30 1974	Capitol Reserve Fund for Alterations, & Const. of New & Adds. to School Bldgs.	64914 Merr. Cty. Sav. Bank			
Oct. 30 1974	Capitol Reserve for Alterations, & Const. of New & Adds. to School Bldgs.	5030 Con. Fed. Sav. Bank			
Dec. 3 1975	Capitol Reserve for Alterations, & Const. of New & Adds. to School Bldgs.	1319 - 150 C.D. Con. Nat'l Bank		100,000.00	
April 30 1975	Capitol Reserve for Alterations, & Const. of New & Adds. to School Bldgs.	301489 C.D. Merr. Cty. Sav. Bank		40,000.00	
Dec. 3 1975	Capitol Reserve for Alterations, & Const. of New & Adds. to School Bldgs.	356 Con. Fed. Sav. Bank		100,000.00	
Dec. 3 1975	Capitol Reserve for the Acquisition of a Tax Map of Bow	65929 Merr. Cty. Sav. Bank		5,000.00	
April 30 1975	Capitol Reserve for Alterations, & Const. of New & Adds. to School Bldgs.	310 Con. Fed. Sav. Bank		35,000.00	
Dec. 23 1977	Capitol Reserve for Alterations, & Const. of New & Adds. to School Bldgs.	1505 C.D. Con. Nat'l Bank			100,000.00
	TOTALS			333,157.12	143,279.20

THE TOWN OF BOW ON DECEMBER 31, 1977

PRINCIPAL			INCOME				
Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Capital Gain Dividends	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year		Expended During Year	Balance End Year
				Percent	Amount		
6,000.00			4,871.57		582.07		5,453.64
		42,619.20	1,266.22		69.20		1,335.42
		10,000.00	7,316.72		946.67		8,263.39
		6,320.00	2,668.96		471.83		3,140.79
		1,000.00	154.57		63.09		217.66
		1,659.13	2,466.21		225.51		2,691.72
25,000.00			5,928.40		1,690.80	7,619.20	
			1,229.59		67.20		1,296.79
		1,937.99	576.28		137.42		713.70
		1,900.00	1,655.68		194.36		1,850.04
			544.78		29.75		574.53
			1,181.07		64.54		1,245.61
			832.23		44.54		876.77
		100,000.00	7,250.40		6,614.77		13,865.17
		40,000.00	4,408.27		1,648.74		6,057.01
		100,000.00	5,956.89		7,613.92		13,570.81
		5,000.00	271.95		288.19		560.14
		35,000.00	3,514.74		2,565.10		6,079.84
		100,000.00					
31,000.00		445,436.32	52,094.53		23,317.70	7,619.20	67,793.03

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Regular Officers

Chief Philip W. Cantara
Sargent Ronald F. Sinclair
Patrolman Peter Cheney
Patrolman Randall Whitehead

Special Officers

Patrolman Eliot Clemons
Patrolman Richard Bean
Patrolman Harold Geer
Patrolman Frank Bailey
Patrolman Robert Wheeler
Patrolman Forrest Angwin, Jr.
Patrolman Richard Mathieu
Patrolman Nolan Santy
Patrolman George Brochu
Patrolman Stephen Hansen

The year of 1977 proved to be an effective year for your Police Department. This can be seen in the aspects of motor vehicle safety and crime prevention. As the Town of Bow has grown, so has the Department. There are four full time officers and ten special officers. Although the number of calls on the department has increased, the staff has been able to handle all requests.

Motor vehicle accidents decreased by 15 this year which also marked a decrease in personal injury accidents. Approximately 7,000 radar checks were carried out. This form of preventive law enforcement has proved to be effective in curtailing the number of speeding violations and possible resulting accidents. However, this is a never ending task and a constant effort must be made to keep this level of safety. We are also faced with the expansion of two major roads which, upon completion, should result in certain traffic problem areas in town being alleviated.

Burglary is probably the biggest problem faced by a police department. Along with the residential growth, there has been a rise in the number of industries in Bow. Even with this growth, the number of burglaries has decreased. There was a span of four months in 1977 in which no burglaries occurred. We feel this is due in a large part to the cooperation of all the citizens of Bow aiding the department in taking the time to be aware of the activities in their neighborhood and calling the department when needed. There were 563 calls concerning suspicious persons and/or vehicles checked by Officer on duty. An average of 17 house checks per week were made of residents out of town or on vacation. This comes under the "Bother Us" program that was implemented several years ago which has proven to be very effective.

The Department helped with several juvenile programs at the Bow Memorial School during 1977. One of the programs was "Patch the Pony" dealing with children and strangers. Another program was offered to future baby sitters helping them to deal with problems they may encounter. At this time, the Department is working with other departments to try to initiate juvenile programs and seminars with the hope of making better future citizens of our youth.

The Bow Police Association has held a number of dances during the past year and a half. A total of \$3,400.10 was realized. Expenses were \$2,620; leaving a profit of \$780.10. These monies were donated in the following way:

Recreation Department.	\$377.00
"Patch the Pony" program	127.30
Bicentennial Dance.	180.80
Fire Department.	<u>45.00</u>
	\$730.10

This leaves a balance of \$50.00 in the Association treasury. Thank you to all who have supported our social functions.

A reminder — "Bother Us;" call the Police Department. Place the police telephone number — 228-0511 — near your telephone and use it for information regarding police matters.

At this time we would like to thank you for your support we have received during this past year. It has shown that cooperation between your Police Department and the Community can be an effective team. A special thank you to members of the Bow Rescue Squad for their valuable assistance at accident scenes and other emergencies.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip W. Cantara
Chief of Police

BOW POLICE DEPARTMENT

	1977	1976	1975
Police Telephone — incoming calls	5,842	5,764	5,313
Radio Transmissions (Police & Fire).	17,662	--	--
Accidents, Motor Vehicle	70	85	76
personal injury	15	31	23
fatal	0	1	2
Accidents, bicycle	1	1	1
Emergency Aid	51	44	21
Assist Fire Department	54	46	38
Assist Other Departments.	203	177	72
Assist Motorists	416	347	176
Arrests for other Departments.	21	25	24
Assult cases	3	9	5
cleared	3	9	5
Escapees returned to N.H. Hospital, Y.D.C., Jail.	9	6	7
False Pretenses.	3	4	4
cleared	2	4	3
Fires — suspicious	0	0	1

Fugitive arrests	0	0	0
General Complaints	253	374	524
Harassment Complaints	87	--	--
Industry Checks — each day	62	54	48
Junk Car complaints	8	17	13
Juvenile Investigations	26	20	28
Juvenile Court	5	17	11
Theft — grand	4	18	16
cleared	8	4	4
Theft — petty	11	25	45
cleared	14	13	17
Littering complaints	3	6	4
cleared	3	6	4
Criminal Mischief	57	43	37
cleared	12	21	21
Burglary	10	16	18
cleared	4	8	22
Burglary — attempted	28	22	14
Burglary alarm responses	101	68	89
Death Investigations	3	7	2
Dog — general complaints	299	392	247
restraining orders	6	8	5
killed by auto	9	6	4
warnings	23	28	13
picked up	38	45	--
fines	\$235	\$290	--
Domestic disturbances	35	24	--
Doors & Windows open	249	306	171
Misdemeanor arrests	14	8	19
Missing persons	12	9	7
found	12	9	7
Prowler complaints	51	60	12
Stolen Vehicles	2	9	2
recovered	0	9	2
Snowmobile complaints	6	8	10
Suspicious Persons checked	531	438	189
Suspicious Vehicles checked	32	--	--
Motor Vehicle complaints	70	48	--
warnings	387	293	217
defective equipment tags	71	35	102
arrests	72	140	198
Mini-Bike complaints	12	2	3
Pistol permits/investigations	50	63	56
Radar checks	6,978	7,673	4,351

DISPATCH CENTER
Police — Fire — Rescue Squad — Recreation

Steve Hanson
Forrest Angwin, Jr.
Jeff Cheney
Ethel "Tina" Runde

*Wesley Cook

*part time

The Dispatch Center is here to serve the public twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year. It is in reality the pulse point of the Town of Bow.

Not only must the Dispatchers be familiar with all the town functions, including the different groups and organizations active in the town, but they must also know the answers to hundreds of questions or know where to send the inquirer for the proper answer. There are few quiet moments at the Dispatch Center.

The personnel receive and record all incoming and outgoing calls and radio transmissions for the Police, Fire, and Resque Squad. During the hours that the Recreation Department is closed, they answer the calls coming into that department, too. During the past year, the following number of calls have been coordinated:

Incoming Police telephone calls	5,842
Radio Transmissions	17,662
Fire Department — red telephone	834
Community Building telephone calls.	2,961
Outgoing telephone calls	1,264
Recreation Department (off hours).	728
Total calls and transmissions	28,027

Please remember, when calling in an EMERGENCY, be as calm as possible and give all the information you can; however, most of all, give the exact LOCATION where help is needed.

Thank you to all the citizens of Bow for the cooperation and courtesy extended to the Dispatch Center and its personnel during the past year.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Cantara, Chief of Police
James R. Goodwin, Fire Chief
Neil Ordway, Director of Rescue Squad
Robert Wheeler, Director of Recreation

RESCUE SQUAD

The Bow Rescue Squad has had a very busy year. All the members of the squad have shared in the responsibility of weekly duty.

In the past year the Rescue Squad has increased from two to four meetings a month because of new methods and squad members wanting to upgrade their own knowledge of emergency care.

All members are re-certified in CPR annually. Some of the squad has had specialized training in "extrication." They attended a course this past fall.

Currently the Rescue Squad has 11 people who have made application and will become members, upon completion, of the "Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care" course at the Concord Chapter of the American Red Cross.

The extrication equipment is being carried on 52-M3 with firemen, trained in extrication, assigned to that vehicle. This vehicle and personnel responds to automobile accidents in conjunction with the Rescue Squad.

Medical Emergencies:	76
Standbys:	9
Drills:	1
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Total	86

Emergencies transported to:	
Concord Hospital	55
Automobile Accidents	24

The Officers for the Rescue Squad for the following year are as follows:

- Director: Neil B. Ordway
- Assistant Director: Robert Lougee
- Secretary/Treasurer: Margaret Francoeur
- Training Officer: Mary Lougee
- Trustees: Charles Coffin, Mary Lougee, Richard Vaughn

Respectfully,

Neil B. Ordway
Director

1977 ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE BOW FIRE DEPARTMENT

During 1977, your Fire Dept. made 214 runs as follows:

Still alarms.	50
Box alarms.	7
Service calls	22
Mutual Aid calls.	37
Smoke investigations	3
Drills for mutual aid.	10
Runs for the Rescue Squad	85
Total runs	214

We have a fine Training Program in the Fire Department under the Direction of Deputy Roger Ordway and Lt. Nicholas Crecenti. We had 17 people at the Meadowood Fire Training School in September. This was the largest number of people attending from any town in the State.

The Fire Dept. has been broken up into four companies with a Lt. at the head of each Company. This was done to give each member more personalized training, and to also help the whole Department function as a team. We are still looking for new members to fill our ranks. We feel there are still people interested in being firefighters, and we would like to talk to anyone interested.

We had a large Forest fire on Knox Road in May, which consumed 44 acres of slash land. This fire was the worst one we have had in the woods in a good many years. We in the Fire Department wish to thank all the Towns-people and other Departments for their assistance on this fire.

We held a wood stove Seminar in November, and we feel the information we gave to the people who attended, gave them a better understanding of their wood, wood stove, and chimney, and we feel the end result will be less chance for these people to have a wood stove related fire. With the price of heating fuels on the increase, more and more people are buying wood stoves, and this has increased the fire potential in the Home. If you are going to put in a wood stove, and you have any questions, feel free to call me at any time. My home number is 225-9419.

During 1977, the Department appointed Allen Barrington as a Fire Inspector, and he is in the process of inspecting all of the Industrial and mercantile buildings in the Town. These buildings will be reinspected on a regular schedule.

The Ladies Auxiliary has been working hard on behalf of the Fire Department again this year. They have made sandwiches for fires and purchased a gasoline driven Rescue saw for the Department. We are fortunate to have these fine people working in our behalf.

Smoke Detectors are playing an important part in preventing large fires, and more important are saving a large number of lives. I would like to take this opportunity to tell the people in Bow that we feel Smoke Detectors are one of the biggest assets you can have in your home to prevent fires and loss of life. If at all possible, we urge you to purchase at least one Smoke Detector. If you have any question as to where to put it, call us and we will be glad to assist you in selecting the right place in your home, where it will do the most good for you and your family.

Permits are a must if you are going to burn brush. There isn't any burning between the hours of 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. unless it is raining. Commercial permits now require a permit from the Air Pollution Commission, before a burning permit can be issued. If you are going to burn, please burn in small piles, and be able to control what you are burning. If you have a child with a Trail Bike or a Mini Bike, be sure he has a good spark arrestor on it before allowing him to enter the wood lands. He should also have the permission of the land owner before entering on his land with a Motor or Mini Bike.

Our Mutual Aid System is training all together for one Drill per month, and it is held in a different Town each Month. The more we train together, the more effective we are when we have to go on these fire calls.

Let's keep 1978 as fire safe as possible. Let's all keep Fire Prevention uppermost in our minds for the safety of our homes and families.

Respectively Submitted,
James R. Goodwin
Fire Chief

Fire Department Officers for 1978

Chief, James R. Goodwin
Deputy, Roger Ordway
Deputy, Neil Ordway
Captain, Dana Abbott
Lt., Edwin Bardwell
Lt., Nicholas Cricenti
Lt., William Cappelletti
Lt., Richard Bellerose
Sec., Gary Leavitt

Trustees for 1978 are:

Arthur Brown, Chairman
Horace Bailey
Herbert Hodgdon

REPORT OF DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF AND TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Forest fire control in New Hampshire is a joint state and town/city responsibility (RSA 224).

The Director, Division of Forests and Lands (State Forester) appoints a forest fire warden and several deputy forest fire wardens in each town/city upon the recommendation of local authorities.

The local forest fire warden is responsible for forest fire prevention and suppression activities in his town. He regulates the kindling of outside fires when the ground is not covered with snow by the issuance of written permits only when conditions are safe. He is responsible for suppression with the town/city and state sharing the cost. Suppression costs in excess of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% of the assessed valuation of the town are assumed by the state.

The state provides training for the local fire organization and helps coordinate activities between towns/cities. The state also supports local forces with backup personnel, equipment, and supplies for suppression and prevention.

This combination of state and local cooperation, started in 1893, works well, for New Hampshire has enjoyed one of the smallest acreage losses due to forest fires in the United States for the past 25 years.

1977 Forest Fire Statistics

	No. of Fires	No. of Acres Burned
State	1,091	2,386
District	139	244
Town	5	61
Richard S. Chase District Fire Chief		James R. Goodwin Forest Fire Warden

TOWN ENGINEER AND BUILDING INSPECTOR 1977

During the year 155 building permits were issued for new construction. Of these permits 70 were for new single family homes which represents a 50% increase in this category of permit when compared with 1976.

As of December 1st, Mr. Robert Ojendyk, agent for the New Hampshire Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission had inspected and approved for operation 59 sewage disposal systems. Mr. Ojendyk's resignation as Town Engineer and Building Inspector became effective December 8, 1977.

At the 1977 Annual Town Meeting it was voted to adopt the amendments to the Building Code as proposed by the Planning Board. Additional changes to the BOCA Building Code were necessary to make it more compatible with accepted construction in New Hampshire.

June, 1977 proved to be a record month with 15 single family residential building permits issued.

Building Permits

Number	Class of Construction	Estimated Cost
70	Single Family Homes	\$2,800,900.00
3	Sheds and Barns	11,000.00
18	Residential Garages	75,300.00
3	Commercial Buildings	114,400.00
1	Relocation	-----
1	Temporary Mobile Home	-----
2	Homes rebuilt because of fire	45,000.00

Additions, Alterations or Conversions

43	Residential	169,742.00
6	Commercial	98,344.00
8	Swimming Pools (In Ground)	49,150.00
155		<hr/> \$3,363,836.00

TOTAL FEES COLLECTED \$8,169.70

Respectfully Submitted,

Melba M. Terrell, Secretary
Town Engineer and Building Inspector

BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS 1977 ANNUAL REPORT

During the past year the Board has continued the learning and adjusting process begun earlier.

Ten appeals have been heard, several of these consisting of appeals on more than one section of the B.O.C.A. Code. A discussion has also been held with a local architect and his client regarding the compatibility of underground housing with the Code. The decisions of the Building Inspector have been modified 2 times, affirmed 1 time, and reversed 9 times.

It is encouraging to note an increased willingness of individuals to consult with the Building Inspector and, in cases of conflict, to submit an appeal prior to construction.

In addition to submitting proposed Code changes to the Planning Board this year, the Board recommended retaining a qualified engineer to evaluate certain controversial sections of the framing portion of the Code.

Scheduled meeting dates in 1978 are on the third Wednesday of each month.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter C. Hipp, P.E., Chairman

James A. Kelso, Jr.

David J. Hickey, P.E.

Maurice R. Nepveu

James E. Kibby, P.E.

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM BELKNAP-MERRIMACK COUNTIES, INC.

Concord Area Center

28 South Main Street

Concord, N.H. 03301

Tel: 225-6880 or 225-9242

The Community Action Program, Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. utilized funds appropriated at the 1977 town meeting to continue services to low-income residents of Bow through its Concord Area Center. In addition to assistance with housing, welfare, utility, nutrition, and health care problems, families sought help through the Operation Green Thumb community gardening project, Home Winterization and the Community Food Project for assistance in food emergencies.

In seeking a 1978 appropriation from Bow, Community Action is requesting local funding support to maintain center operations, and thus, a broad range of needed services. We gratefully acknowledge the support and cooperation shown by the Board of Selectmen and townspeople for these efforts.

Marilyn L. Perkins

Concord Area Director

REPORT OF THE HEALTH OFFICER

Health officer duties ranged from a faulty septic system, analysis of surface water and solid waste contamination, to a complaint about paint fumes.

A routine home inspection was made and the communicable disease report was made to the State Health Department.

Robert E. Boucher, M.D.
Health Officer

CENTRAL NEW HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

At the end of 1977 and seven years of operation the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission has been involved in a multitude of studies, both of a regional nature as well as those of purely local interest.

Current studies include the researching of and preparation of a series of model ordinances which should prove useful to those communities wishing to use them.

The Commission is most grateful to the Bow Planning Board for its time and assistance in reviewing the draft of the Regional Land Use study. Such interplay is extremely useful and meaningful in developing more concise regional studies.

The Commission has also been pleased to be able to provide assistance to the Planning Board in terms of ordinance review, economic development questions and in researching various state law changes.

In addition, the Commission was pleased to host a series of six legal seminars this fall which were well received and attended by members of local boards and citizen groups. We trust they proved useful to all participants.

The Commission hopes to be able to continue to serve the needs of its member communities in future years and appreciates the past support of its activities by the Town of Bow.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Lindquist
Kenneth Bradley
Representatives

BOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

General Report

The Conservation Commission held 12 regular meetings and 4 special meetings in the past year. Alexander Saltmarsh was welcomed as a new member to the Commission. We wish to thank Ed Haffer and Roy Peaslee for their past contributions to the Commission. Mr. Peaslee was one of the original members of the Conservation Commission established in 1968 and served 10 years. He assisted in mapping the town's natural resources, helped acquire an additional 91 acres to the town forest on Branch Londonderry Turnpike, and was instrumental in the glass recycling program. Mr. Peaslee's knowledge of town history and town administrative procedure was invaluable to the Commission and his contributions will be missed.

Lance Mackey and Robin Greenly were sent to Conservation Camp this past summer. Two students are sponsored to the summer camp every year by the Commission. Students must be between the ages of 14 and 18, have completed 8th grade and have an interest in conservation. Anyone interested in attending this camp should submit their application to the Commission before April 1.

The Commission assisted Selectmen with the settlement of the Claremont Lumber Company trespass on town land and the resulting loss of timber. The Commission is now notified of all intents to cut timber in an effort to prevent a recurrence.

Numerous dredge and fill permits were reviewed, including final plans for culverting and filling Ma Willie's Pond.

Restoration of the Nichols-Colby Up and Down Sawmill at the outlet of Putney Pond is still under consideration.

Meetings are held every third Monday at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, and the Commission welcomes all input from town residents.

BOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

Town Forest Report

During 1977 the Conservation Commission continued the planning and implementation of multiple use management on the town forest lands. Lot 56, Block 4 (fronting on Page Road and abutting Village Shores Estates) and Lot 122, Block 2 (fronting on Robinson Road) were surveyed, including the preparation of a plan and the blazing and painting of boundary lines. Lot 97, Block 2 (fronting on Int. 93 — Bow Bog Brook area) is in the process of being surveyed with a spring completion date.

The Department of Resource and Economic Development, Division of Forests and Lands has been asked to assist the Conservation Commission in preparing management plans for each lot. The Department has agreed to begin cruising the timber on each tract this winter and prepare a type map and forest inventory at no cost to the town.

Kear-wood, Inc. was awarded the management and preparation of a selective timber harvest on Lot 116, Block 4 (fronting on Branch Londonderry Turnpike). The firm proceeded to mark approximately 300,000 board feet of timber, which was put out to bid. The timber has been sold to Pittsfield Box & Lumber Co. for Approximately \$26,000.

The Commission plans to have more lots surveyed in the coming year and to proceed with the selective harvest of mature timber on these lots as recommended by professional foresters.

Respectfully submitted,

Morris C. Foote, Jr., Chairman

Edward Haffer

Roy Peaslee

John Urdi

G. Ritchie White

Richard G. Rice

Carol Gouin

Curt Gordon

Alexander Saltmarsh

1977 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOW PLANNING BOARD

The Bow Planning Board met with the Sewer Commission to discuss the Hall Street sewage plant and sewage district, and continued to broaden the planning process with liason to the Board of Adjustment, Board of Appeals, Conservation Commission, the School Board and School Building Committee.

Two board members attended a six session "Planning Seminar" posted in part by the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission. Kenneth Bradley was nominated by the Planning Board and appointed by the Selectmen to succeed James Kibby on the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission.

Amendments to the Building Code were approved at Town Meeting as proposed by the Board of Appeals. Subdivision continued to increase as a total of 36 new lots were created. 20 zoning exception referrals and 8 non-residential site plans were reviewed. Five discretionary easements were approved. Numerous other subdivisions were placed before the Board for which public hearings will be held.

Changes to the Subdivision Regulations regarding fees and the hearing process for non-residential developments were adopted after a public hearing conducted in December 1977.

Robert Ojendyk, Building Inspector, resigned after four years of outstanding service to the Board and Town. Linda Nylen, Recording Secretary, continued to support the Board administratively.

Respectively submitted,

Michael Blake, Chairman
Bow Planning Board

Members of the Board	Term
Michael Blake, Chairman	1982
John Urdi, Secretary	1978
Alfred Ward	1978
Alfred Runnals	1979
Robert Dandy	1980
Duncan Pearson	1981
Carroll French	Selectman

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TOWN REPORT

The 1977 Board of Adjustment included William Carpenter, Chairman, Winfield Robin, Vice Chairman/Secretary, Earl Vaughn, Thomas Gallagher, Gerald Upton, Alternate Jack Earle and Recording Secretary, January — April Marg Beaulieu, May — December Deborah Guardino.

The Board held 12 regular meetings, 8 Public Hearings and 1 special meeting. For each appeal that is processed during the year, the Board members extend many hours of their own time, and do on-site inspections for each appeal that goes to a Public Hearing.

9 applications for gravel pit operations, 4 certificate of occupancy extensions, and 10 special exceptions or variances were processed during 1977.

It is with much appreciation that the Board recognizes the valuable technical assistance they have received, during the year, from Town Engineer Robert Ojendyk.

The Board would like to thank the people of the town for the interest and concern they have shown this past year at the scheduled Public Hearings. It is very gratifying for the Board members as well as the appellant to see a large attendance at these hearings, an attendance that is growing substantially from year to year.

Your cooperation and assistance is realized by the entire Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

William Carpenter,
Chairman

LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE BOW FIRE DEPARTMENT

1977 Annual Report

During 1977 the Ladies Auxiliary of the Bow Fire Department held ten meetings with an average of ten members in attendance. Our meetings are held on the first thursday of each month at 8 PM at the Fire Station. All ladies in town, eighteen (18) years of age or over, are cordially invited to join us.

Our activities for the year were as follows:

1. Served a supper for the Fire Wardens Association
2. Donated monetary gifts to the Fire Department for the purchase of a K12 Saw and a Resusci-Anne for the Rescue Squad.
3. Provided pies for the Fire Department-Rescue Squad Supper.
4. Purchased a plaque and door markers for the Auxiliary Room in the Community Building.
5. Participated in the Bisesquicentennial Parade with a License plate bus.
6. Sent remembrances to all sick and infirmed members.
7. Had as guest at two of our meetings the Dunbarton Auxiliary and the "Much I Do" Auxiliary from Boscawen.
8. Donations were sent to:

Salvation Army
Robert Duford family

Officers for 1977-1978 are as follows:

President	Audrey Ordway
Vice President	Marina Johnson
Secretary	Patricia Goodwin
Treasurer	Theresa Capozzi
Sunshine Comm.	Marina Johnson

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lougee
Outgoing Secretary

RECREATION COMMISSION

The Recreation Department has progressed forward in the 1977 season to maintain their goals for the future. The program has expanded and is serving more people young and old alike with new activities.

Winter and Spring programs include: Yoga, womens fitness, special olympics, tennis, carnivals, volleyball, basketball, small engines classes, lampshade classes, painting, areobics, archery, skating, trips, arts and crafts, skiing, movies, shuffle board and many more activities. These programs are open for all ages and special age groups on certain days.

The eight week summer program was well attended and had a staff of director, asst. director and two supervisors. Many trips were taken throughout the state to beaches and recreational areas.

Three horseshoe pits were put in behind the community building for leisure use and a league will start in the spring.

The softball leagues have increased to eleven serving more than two hundred men and women weekly throughout the summer, using two fields. Many volunteers got together and completed one more so that we will be able to handle the 26 teams in our town.

The "Young in Heart Club" are meeting on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at the municipal building on Grandview Rd. The club was organized last year with four members and has grown to more than 35 active members.

The Recreation Commission meets on the first Monday of each Month at the community building at 7:00 P.M. and the public is welcome to attend. You may contact Bob Wheeler or any of the commission members with any suggestions to help improve or expand our programs.

The Director and Commission would like to thank town officials, the Memorial School, town organizations and volunteers for continuing support to the recreation department.

Robert Wheeler Rec. Dir.
10 Grandview Rd. (mailing address)
Community Building
224-9361

COMMISSION
Nancy Wood (chairperson)
William Carpenter
James Gergler
Linda Warriner

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The committee met monthly and, in the early months of the year, weekly, to make plans for Old Home Week in May and various other projects to be accomplished during this memorable year in our town's history.

Several community projects were accomplished by various groups, including clearing of the grist mill site at Bow Mills, cleaning up of old cemeteries, Bow map of roads and historic sites, a historic town quilt, and restoration of Bow Center School, as well as design and manufacture of historic plates and tiles, in addition to the coin project initiated last year.

Thanks to the cooperation of every possible town group, club or organization, our sincere hopes for a suitable celebration of Old Home Week were satisfied. The week commenced with a parade which was a great success and a credit to its planners; the fireworks which terminated the week's celebration made a spectacular ending to what we like to think was a memorable week.

Organizations and individuals participating and giving their "blood, sweat and tears" for a good week are far too many to list, but the committee certainly does thank each and every person who contributed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean L. Bailey, Secretary
BOW BISEQUICENTENNIAL
COMMITTEE

250TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

THE BOW COMMUNITY MEN'S CLUB

Over two hundred men are members of the Bow Community Men's Club. This club was begun 29 years ago and today still has as its objectives, to promote fellowship, understanding, and service to the community.

As a non-profit organization, it helps to support the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cadets, Recreation Department, Athletic Club, Cub Scouts and the Bow Little League.

Other activities of the Club include sponsoring "Meet the Candidate Night," "Bow citizens of the Year Awards," and the granting of Scholarships to qualifying Bow students graduating from High School.

The Bow Community Men's Club and the Bow Rotary Club Co-sponsor the annual Spring Carnival, an event that is enjoyed by Bow families and which also provides extra funds for worthy organizations.

All community men are cordially invited to attend any of the Club Dinner Meetings which are held on the fourth Thursday of the month beginning at 6:30 at the Bow Community Center.

Club Officers

President	Frank Hirsch
Vice President	John Violette
Treasurer	Henry Malay
Secretary	David West

Committee Chairmen

Ways and Means	Richard Bean
Membership	Robert Wheeler
Program	C. William Johnson

BOW WOMEN'S CLUB

The Bow Women's Club is a newly federated member of the General Federation of Women's Club founded in May 1976 as a new association for women in the Community.

The objective of this organization is to become a center for community betterment, civic action, social services, broadening of understanding and fellowship among persons of the club and town.

We are happy to report a very busy year in 1977. Six new members joined us in our second year. We participated in the Annual Bow Spring Carnival, sponsored an Election Day Bake Sale, continued a Children's Story Hour at the Baker Free Library, established a four week Babysitting Clinic and the Safety Bug Program (an auto safety program for kindergarten and first grade), co-sponsored with the Police Department a bicycle registration, sponsored a Square Dance as part of the Bow Bicentennial Days Celebration, donated funds to Audubon Society, Camp Friendship, Currier Art Gallery, Child & Family Service of N.H., Veteran's Fund, Laconia State School.

Some of our projected projects for this year are: planting of trees at historic sites in Bow, sponsoring a Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation Clinic and a Breast Cancer Examination Clinic.

Our meetings are scheduled on the second Tuesday of each month from September thru May at 7:30 P.M. We are presently meeting at the Bow Community Baptist Church. Any woman of the community interested in the objectives and work of the Association, is cordially invited to attend our meetings.

Our thanks to the residents of Bow for supporting our projects this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Kaiser, President
Sheila Evans, Vice President
Deborah Hipp, Treasurer
Alice Myers, Secretary

BOW ATHLETIC CLUB

The Bow Athletic Club, a non-profit voluntary corporation with the primary goal of providing youth athletic programs, had a very successful third year of operation. Youth baseball for ages 8 through 12, an all-star baseball team for 10 through 12 years old, girls softball for ages 9 through 12, a pony and a colt baseball team for boys ages 13 through 16, two football teams for grades 4 through 7, two basketball teams for grades 5 through 8, and two cheerleading squads supporting the football and basketball teams received enthusiastic support in greater numbers than ever before.

This year the minor baseball program for 8 and 9 year olds was reorganized to attempt to give beginning baseball players more instruction and to better handle the drastic increase in children participating. Also a new softball team for girls 13 through 16 was initiated with the girls competing against many neighboring town teams. Approximately 350 young people participated in the program offered this year.

Once again, local businesses and businessmen were enlisted through team sponsorship or advertising in the BAC Yearbook to financially assist the club. Support was widespread and very generous. This support, together with proceeds from club fund raising events and donations from other town clubs permitted the investment in equipment, insurance and uniforms for all youth programs.

Growth of the Bow Athletic Club baseball and softball programs, together with the Recreation Department Softball Program, has created a serious lack of playing fields. Town land, on Albin Road, was designated for recreational use and recreation commissioners, Bow Athletic Club directors and several interested town residents donated a great deal of time and effort to construct three new fields. One field is complete and the other two started. We hope to complete the remaining work this spring.

Continued growth of Bow Athletic Club programs is important and necessary to provide the young people of Bow with an opportunity to participate in athletic endeavors. Successful growth will only be realized with active participation from an increased number of townspeople.

Monthly meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month and are open to the public. The officers and directors for 1977 were:

President	David J. Hickey
Vice President	David Whalley
Secretary (Acting)	Gail LaPierre
Treasurer	Richard Weed
Directors	Virgil Allen, Douglas Blampied
	Kenneth McKenna, Norman West
	William O'Donnell, Donald Beaumont
	Ron Pietrowski, Ray Johnson
	Gail LaPierre, Paul Dill

BOW PIONEERS

The purpose of the Bow Pioneers, which was established in 1972, is to stimulate and advance the general welfare and safety of snowmobiling, to serve the interests of both the landowner and snowmobiler, to support conservation and to perform all desirable and lawful functions for the successful operation of the club. Safe snowmobiling is promoted by the offering of Safety Training Courses in conjunction with the New Hampshire Fish & Game Dept.

We have become involved in community activities in a variety of ways. Bow Pioneers sponsored the very successful Bisesquicentennial Parade. Financial aid has been given to the Bow Athletic Club for its' girl softball team and to the Bow Recreation Dept. In the past both the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts have recieved our support.

The club holds meetings from September to May at the Community Building on the third Thursday of the month. One of the key meetings of the year is our annual Landowners Appreciation Dinner. In the winter months the club holds a variety of rides both in town and out of town. Highlights of some of the rides are the family cook-outs which everyone enjoys.

In December of 1977 a semi-formal holiday dance was held for the benefit of Easter Seals. As a result of this dance and other money making projects we anticipate the Bow Pioneers will be contributing over \$600.00 to Easter Seals when we attend the annual Easter Seal Ride-In at Laconia in February of 1978. All of the funds donated by the snowmobile clubs at the ride-in are used to support Easter Seal programs in New Hampshire.

If anyone is interested in helping us promote the sport of snowmobiling we invite you to come to a meeting or contact me for information.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce Cutting
President, Bow Pioneers

“YOUNG AT HEART” OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS OF BOW, N.H.

1976 was a busy year. We entered 1977 with the plans of an even busier year. We also entered it with sadness as we had lost two of our members. Alvin Prusia died July 26 and Robert Brunt on December 31. Robert Brunt was one of the six that met with Robert Wheeler to discuss the possibility of forming a Senior Group in Bow.

Our Town was planning a big Celebration of it's 250th Anniversary and we planned to be part of it. We were known as the Senior Group at that time but at our first meeting on January 12, we elected officers, named our Group, formed new laws and became the Senior Citizens of Bow. We registered with the State and received our Charter on April 27th.

A Committee was set up to start our part of the Celebration. We planned to have plates and tiles made up to sell. When they were ready, we voted to give the No. 1 plate and tile to the Historical Society. These were placed in the Library until such time as a Society is formed. We elected a King and Queen, Philip and Hilda Sargent to represent us in the Parade. They were both dressed in colonial clothes. Morris Foote, Sr. drove them in his 1928, Model "A", Beach Wagon and he dressed for the part.

A Program has been set up so that the Senior Citizens can have their blood pressure taken once a month and a diabetic test once a year.

Among the many trips we took this past year were two trips to flower shows, one to Boston, Mass. and one to Manchester, N.H. We also went to Merrimack to visit the Budweiser Brewery and a trip through the buildings and a chance to see the horses was enjoyed by all.

Six of our members entered Arts and Crafts articles at the Hobby Festival at Nathaniel Hawthorne College in Antrim, N.H. All won prizes.

We have enjoyed many good speakers this year and we also enjoyed the Queen City Scottish Dancers. Many of our members are doing volunteer work at the Hospital & Nursing Homes.

Respectfully submitted.

Orissa Lee
Secretary

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1977

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Name of Mother
January 1	Concord, N. H.	Peter Alexander	Michael P. Hall	Laura L. Paul
January 18	Concord, N. H.	Helen Marie	James L. Kenney	Shirley J. Burkett
January 20	Concord, N. H.	Geoffrey Addison	Peter H. Winship	Sally Heald
February 14	Concord, N. H.	Michelle Ann	Richard F. Bean	Andrea E. Brannock
February 18	Concord, N. H.	Benjamin Zackary	Arthur W. Clark	Jill Langley
February 28	Concord, N. H.	Randy Royce	Harold C. Moffett	Joan E. Peabody
March 23	Concord, N. H.	Shawn Eric	Randall E. Whitehead	Gayle A. Bouchard
March 7	Concord, N. H.	Rebecca Louise	Michael C. Harvell	Cynthia L. Howard
April 18	Concord, N. H.	Jessica Rose	Alan J. Sheinbaum	Mary F. Amrhein
April 25	Concord, N. H.	Maximilian Charles	Vincent C. Martina	Barbara A. Means
April 30	Concord, N. H.	Stephen Charles	Stephen A. Van Dyke	Cheryl L. Mains
May 3	Concord, N. H.	Matthew Scott	Stephen M. Rosenberg	Susan B. Arft
May 16	Concord, N. H.	Marianne Katherine	Robert L. Vogel	Anne-Lise R. Meng
May 24	Concord, N. H.	Tracy Kate	Eric A. Riggs	Mary J. Bye
May 24	Concord, N. H.	Brian Michael	James R. D'winal	Paula I. Andrus
June 3	Concord, N. H.	Richard John	John E. Meissner	Lorraine V. Gould
June 15	Concord, N. H.	Matthew Douglas	Douglas G. Noyes	Susan E. Potter
July 2	Concord, N. H.	Stephen, Jr.	Stephen Moltisanti	Susan Readio
July 23	Concord, N. H.	Erin Elizabeth	Thomas N. Pearce	Sharon A. Duffy
July 28	Concord, N. H.	Kenneth Charles	Robert E. Boucher	Mary E. Machiorletti
August 3	Concord, N. H.	Meredith Adams	Jeffrey B. Foote	Cherie R. Bouley
August 9	Concord, N. H.	Tara Marie	Tom C. Wilson	Cecile M. Jenkins
August 14	Concord, N. H.	Brian Wayne	Wayne S. Buntin	Rita Lillios
August 27	Concord, N. H.	Kyra Davis	Gary M. Barnett	Sylvia Bartlett
August 31	Concord, N. H.	Stephen Thomas	Ronald B. Millette	Gloria J. Cox
September 16	Concord, N. H.	Kathryn Elizabeth	Donat A. Renaud	Therese R. Hall
September 30	Concord, N. H.	Karey Lynn	Jeffrey J. Scheyd	Linda R. Sinclair
October 2	Concord, N. H.	Lisa Ann	Mark E. Goodwin	Brenda L. Young
October 8	Concord, N. H.	David John	Edward M. Hager	Diane R. Sherwin
October 21	Concord, N. H.	Patricia Anne	John P. Cronin	Anne M. Lyddy
November 17	Concord, N. H.	Markus Anthony	Edward M. Zehnder	Susan W. Glebus
November 16	Concord, N. H.	Justin Lee	Harold D. Abbott	Barbara E. Hyland
November 28	Concord, N. H.	Nicole Jean	Bruce E. Van Dyke	Velma J. Hobbs
December 7	Concord, N. H.	Toby Rand	Gary W. Thalain	Cathy I. Butler
December 23	Concord, N. H.	James Edward	Richard W. Young	Victoria Attenborough
December 28	Laconia, N. H.	Heather Lyn	John T. Csencsics	Melodye L. Quinn

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DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1977

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Place of Birth	Place of Burial
January 15	Concord	Sylvia E. Avery	Canada	Plymouth
February 8	Bow	Nelson A. Tucker	New Hampshire	Concord
February 8	Concord	Luther H. Ward	Rhode Island	Concord
March 2	Bow	Carrie M. Spear	Massachusetts	Massachusetts
April 14	Concord	Robert J. Marceau	New Hampshire	Bow
April 15	Concord	Bertha A. MacDougall	Nova Scotia	Bow
May 11	Bow	Ruel Newton Colby	New Hampshire	Concord
June 7	Concord	Ralph A. Houghton	New Hampshire	Bow
June 26	Boscawen	Clayton Loomis	Massachusetts	Bow
July 7	Concord	Halstead N. Colby, Sr.	New Hampshire	Bow
July 23	Concord	Carl Burton Smith, Jr.	Massachusetts	Bow
September 17	Concord	Mary P. Hodgeman	New Hampshire	Concord
December 17	Concord	Anna Zankowski	Poland	Bedford
December 20	Bow	George B. Jeys	New Hampshire	Concord

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MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1977

Date of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence	Date of Birth	Name, Official Station of Persons by Whom Married
January 15	George Dawson Wallett Cherie Ellen Beaulieu	Boston, Mass. Methuen, Mass.	4/26/40 7/6/44	Virginia F. Abbott, Justice of the Peace
March 5	Glenn Arthur Richard Jeannine Smith	Epsom Bow	8/12/54 10/4/57	Joseph B. Holliday, Minister
March 6	Stephen James Karoul Theresa Jean Capozzi	Hazel Crest, Ill. Bow	5/24/47 3/20/50	Leonard J. Merski, Justice of the Peace
March 12	William Spaulding Hall Eleanor King Morrill	Bow Concord	4/14/42 9/21/48	David G. Hamilton, Rector Priest
March 16	Mark Danahy Karen Joan Leslie	Concord Brockton, Mass.	7/17/55 6/5/56	Virginia F. Abbott, Justice of the Peace
April 1	James Hadden MacGregor Karen Patricia Strand	Brockton, Mass. Concord	10/26/56 5/16/57	Winston L. Blake, Justice of the Peace
April 9	Kimball Dow Brown Ann Gillian Brophy	Bow Greenland	4/6/50 12/18/36	John P. Potter, Pastor
April 23	Brian Lee Cleveland Linda Ann Muzzey	Bow Concord	3/24/47 8/4/45	John I. Johnson, Clergyman
April 29	Gene Henry Trevena Donna Lee Clark	Bow Bow	11/7/50 5/6/44	H. Franklin Parker, Clergyman
May 7	David Brooks Fairchild Heather Elizabeth Harmon	Reading, Mass. Bow	7/24/57 9/19/55	N. C. Middaugh, Minister
May 29	Harvey Steven Moses Cynthia Ann Broady	Bow Bow	6/21/50 5/10/47	Bernard Taylor, Rabbi
May 14	Michael Allan Mounsey Susan Darlene Berwick	Bow Loudon	4/6/55 1/4/56	Barry A. Blackstone, Minister
June 10	Michael Patrick McKenna Carolyn Mary Batchelder	Bow Bow	3/10/59 9/22/58	George E. Murray, Roman Catholic Priest
June 17	Raymond E. Fearnley Barbara Jean Littlefield	Bow Concord	3/12/52 10/21/49	Rosalie F. Hanson, Justice of the Peace
June 18	Carl Alfred Bamford Denise Laurette Neveu	Bow Concord	1/13/50 10/24/52	Allan H. Munroe, Assistant Rector Priest
July 4	Robert Warren Parks Diana Marie Pratt	Manchester Manchester	6/3/36 12/1/44	Eugene E. Ricard, Jr., Esq., Justice of the Peace
July 16	Stephen Carl Hanson Karen Lyn Tucker	Concord Bow	7/5/51 3/21/53	Joseph B. Holliday, Minister
July 30	Richard Kevin Hart Peggy Sue Drew	Manchester Manchester	8/30/52 9/7/58	Roger E. Drolet, Justice of the Peace

August 6	Harold Eugene Darrah, Jr.	Concord	12/30/58	Donald F. Jennings, Clergy
August 7	Deborah Ann Quinn	Bow	7/11/57	Ghuvoit Samson, Clergy
September 2	Haig K. Sampadian	Bow	2/17/55	
September 3	Candace Ann Wyman	Bow	12/19/56	Carol Ann Neveux,
September 17	Steven David Leighton	Bow	4/29/46	Justice of the Peace
September 23	Mary Jeanne Heath	Concord	2/21/52	D. Melvin Burrowes,
	Valentine Thomas Faust, III	Bow	3/23/59	Minister
	Joan Maureen Goodwin	Concord	11/21/59	William C. Batson,
	Gary David Nemiccolo	Bow	12/4/56	Pastor
	Lynn Nancy Dow	Connecticut	11/15/56	Sherwood A. Treadwell,
	Douglas Bush, Jr.	Bow	1/5/44	Minister
October 8	Ricky Allen Matulaitis	Bow	3/29/45	Donald F. Jennings,
October 8	Diane Elizabeth Hall	Bow	7/22/57	Clergy
October 22	Glenn Alan Tilton	Concord	6/19/58	John Horan,
October 23	Robin Lynn Mulcahy	Litchfield	12/8/57	Roman Catholic Priest
November 25	Thomas Anthony Burgess	Gilford	10/8/59	Allan H. Munroe,
November 26	Debra Lee Langevin	Bow	11/24/55	Assistant Pastor
December 15	Howard Allen Cassett	Vermont	5/21/56	Martin I. Johnson,
December 31	Margaret Hester Bardwell	Bow	8/4/52	Senior Minister
	Ronald Presby LaCroix	Bow	12/21/56	Oliver C. Northcott,
	Ann Elizabeth Soderberg	Bow	10/2/45	Minister of the Gospel
	Michael David Whalley	Bow	10/23/50	George E. Murray,
	Persis Eastman Gow	Concord	11/16/53	Roman Catholic Priest
	Emile Lorenzo Bibeau	Nashua	4/9/54	Mildred K. Dobbins,
	Jacqueline LeClerc	Bow	5/11/26	Justice of the Peace
	Brian James Person	Bow	4/14/37	Raymond J. Bean,
	Paula Brooks	Bow	3/9/55	Minister
		Bow	3/30/55	

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